IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

MARY YOUNG,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CIVIL ACTION

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY,

Defendant.

Defendant.

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REMOTE ORAL DEPOSITION OF

MARY YOUNG

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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REMOTE ORAL DEPOSITION OF MARY YOUNG, produced as a witness at the instance of the DEFENDANT, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on February 27, 2025, from 9:59 a.m. to 4:12 p.m., via Zoom teleconference, before Vanessa J. Theisen, CSR in and for the State of Texas, and RPR, reported by machine shorthand, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any provisions stated on the record or attached hereto.

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1 APPEARANCES	
2	1 MARY YOUNG,
3 FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	2 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
4 Ms. Taren Marsaw THE HALL LAW GROUP, PLLC	3 EXAMINATION
5 530 Lovett Boulevard	4 BY MR. KEENEY:
Houston, Texas 77006	5 Q. Good morning. My name is Joseph Keeney, and
6 (713) 942-9600	6 I represent Texas Southern University.
Tmarsaw@thlf.us 7	7 Can you please state your full name for
8 FOR THE DEFENDANT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY:	8 the record?
9 Mr. Joseph Keeney	9 A. My name is Mary young.
Assistant Attorney General	10 Q. All right.
0 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	11 A. Common spelling, Y-O-U-N-G.
General Litigation Division  P.O. Box 12548, Capitol Station	12 Q. Okay. Thank you. Have you ever gone by any
Austin, Texas 78711-2548	13 other names?
2 (512) 475-4090	14 A. Any other names at Texas Southern
Joseph.Keeney@oag.texas.gov	15 University, or just period?
3 4	
5	16 Q. Just period.
6	17 A. Young is my married name, so Mary Miller
7	18 Q. Okay.
8 9	19 A is my maiden name.
0	20 Q. All right. Have you ever given a deposition
1	21 before?
2	22 A. Yes.
3 4	23 Q. And can you tell me how many times you have
5	24 had your deposition taken?
	25 A. Maybe three times, possibly.
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1 INDEX	1 Q. What were what were the nature of those
PAGE 2 Appearances 2	2 depositions?
3 MARY YOUNG	3 A. One, I was a witness well, I think all
4 EXAMINATION BY MR. KEENEY 4 EXAMINATION BY MS. MARSAW 171	4 three I was witnesses I was a witness to all
5 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. KEENEY 201	
6 Changes and Signature	5 three, yes.
7 Reporter's Certificate	6 Q. And were those cases for which you had your
8 EXHIBITS	7 deposition taken, were they in connection with your
9	8 police enforcement I'm sorry, law enforcement
NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE 0	9 duties?
1 1 December 1, 2022, Notice of	10 A. Yes.
Temporary Relief of Duties 2 Young_001102 - 1106	11 Q. Okay. Have you ever testified in court?
2 Poung_001102 - 1106	12 A. Yes.
Subject: Administrative Leave	13 Q. Okay. Well, it sounds like you'll know how
4 With Pay Young_101113	14 this is supposed to work, but I'm just going to go
5	15 over some of the basic expectations and ground rules,
3 Notice of Employment Separation 6 Young_001107 - 1109	
7 4 August 15, 2022, Investigation Report	
000001 - 000017 43	17 I'll be asking you a series of questions
8	18 concerning the facts relevant to this case. And just
5 October 24, 2017 Broussard Email,	19 to confirm, you understand that this deposition is
5 October 24, 2017 Broussard Email, 9 Subject: New Event Personnel	
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- 1 know if you can't hear.
- 2 I know that we're on a remote
- 3 videoconference software, so it can get spotty at
- 4 times. Just let me know if you need me to repeat the
- 5 question or restate it.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Let's also, please, agree to wait until each
- 8 other is finished talking. That will help the court
- 9 reporter make sure -- ensure the transcript is clear,
- 10 and ensure that you and I can hear each other as
- 11 well.
- 12 Do you understand that your testimony
- 13 today could be used as evidence in this case?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. And you understand, I'm sure, that you're
- 16 under an obligation to testify completely and
- 17 honestly in this deposition as if you were in court,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. All right. Are you aware of any reason why
- 21 you might not be able to testify completely and
- 22 honestly today?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- 24 Q. Are you currently on any medications?
- 25 A. No, sir.

- 1 Q. All right. And where do you currently
  - 2 reside?
  - 3 A. In Missouri City, Texas.
  - 4 Q. Okay. All right. Now, I'm going to show
  - 5 you one of these documents that I have. I'm going to
  - 6 drop this in the chat. Just let me know when you see 7 it.
    - it.
      - Okay. It should be arriving now. I've
  - 9 premarked this as Exhibit 1. Just let me know if you
  - 10 have any trouble opening that.
  - 11 (Exhibit 1 marked.)
  - 12 A. I'm not able to open just yet.
  - 13 Q. Okay.
  - 14 A. Okay.
  - 15 Q. All right. Are you able to see that?
  - 16 A. Yes.
  - 17 Q. Okay. Do you recognize this document?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. Okay. Did you receive this document on or
  - 20 around December 1st, 2022?
  - 21 A. If that's the date that's on there, I
  - 22 believe so.
  - 23 Q. Okay. And can you describe what are we
  - 24 looking at? What is this document?
  - 25 A. So this appears to be the document -- so let

- 1 Q. Okay. Apart from speaking with your
- 2 attorneys, did you do anything to prepare for this
- 3 deposition?
- 4 A. Just reviewed my notes. This has been two
- 5 years, so I had a lot of reviewing.
- 6 Q. It can be the nature of litigation that it
- 7 is drawn out, so...
- 8 So you looked at some notes. Were those
- 9 notes that have been turned over in discovery, or
- 10 were those just your internal notes?
- 11 A. Oh, just my internal notes, yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you have any of those notes with
- 13 vou?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. All right. Well, if I could ask you
- 16 to just please refrain from looking at them while
- 17 we're taking this deposition, just speak from your
- 18 memory. Perhaps I will ask for those notes later on,
- 19 but -- or show you some documents, and we can
- 20 introduce those as exhibits. But today I'll just ask
- 21 you to testify from your memory to the best of your
- 22 recollection.
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. Okay. Are you currently employed?
- 25 A. No, sir.

- 1 me. Let me -- let me look at it. Hold, please.
  - 2 Yes, administrative leave document.
  - Q. Okay. So was this document a letter from
  - 4 Texas Southern University placing you on
  - 5 investigative [sic] leave?
  - 6 A. On administrative leave?
  - 7 Q. Administrative leave.
    - A. Yes.

- 9 Q. That's right. Okay. You were placed on
- 10 administrative leave.
- 11 And do you agree that as part of the
- 12 administrative leave, or because of the
- 13 administrative leave, you were temporarily relieved
- 14 of your duties as chief of police with pay?
- 15 A. You're saying do I believe that?
- 16 Q. Is that what happened? Were you temporarily
- 17 relieved by TSU of your duties as chief of police
- 18 with pay?
- 19 A. So that letter that you just put up, there
- 20 is another letter I -- I received a temporary
- 21 restraining order for that same date.
- 22 Q. Uh-huh.
- 23 A. So that superseded that letter.
- 24 Q. Okay. So you're saying that there was
- 25 another letter from TSU?

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1 A. Yes, correct.

- 2 Q. It was a temporary restraining order?
- 3 A. No, I'm sorry. Let me make certain that I'm
- 4 clear.
- 5 The December 1st letter, that you put in
- 6 the chat --
- 7 Q. Uh-huh.
- 8 A. -- you should have in your notes. There's a
- 9 temporary restraining order with that same date on
- 10 there that I received, and that should have
- 11 superseded that December 1st letter that you just put
- 12 in the chat.
- So, no, I was not on administrative
- 14 leave when the temporary restraining order was
- 15 administered.
- 16 Q. Okay. A temporary restraining order from
- 17 TSU or from a court?
- 18 A. From a court.
- 19 Q. I see, okay. So the temporary restraining
- 20 order did not come from TSU; it came from a court?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. On the same day, December 1st, 2022?
- 23 A. If I'm not mistaken, it was the same day. I
- 24 had filed my lawsuit in November.
- 25 Q. Uh-huh.

- 1 that meant. Was that not your question, or am I not
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- 2 hearing your question? I'm sorry.
- 3 Q. Well, I'm asking, did TSU request that you
- 4 refrain from being on campus grounds?
- 5 A. In the letter that you put in the chat, yes.
- Q. Okay. And did TSU request that you refrain
- 7 from attending university-sanctioned events?
- A. In that letter, yes.
- Q. Okay. Same question for the next phrase.
- 10 Did TSU request that you refrain from utilizing
- 11 university-owned items?
- 12 A. In that letter, yes.
  - Q. Yes. Okay. Same question for the next
- 14 sentence. I'm sorry, this is tedious.
  - Did TSU request that -- or direct you,
- 16 I'm sorry. Did TSU direct you not to attempt to
- 17 contact anyone concerning the investigation that is
- 18 referenced in this letter?
- 19 A. If that's what's in that letter, yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Same question for the next sentence.
- 21 Did TSU request -- or direct, I'm sorry.
- 22 Did TSU direct you not to retaliate in any shape,
- 23 form, or fashion, against anyone who has made
- 24 allegations, who is a witness to the allegations, or
- 25 providing information to the investigation or

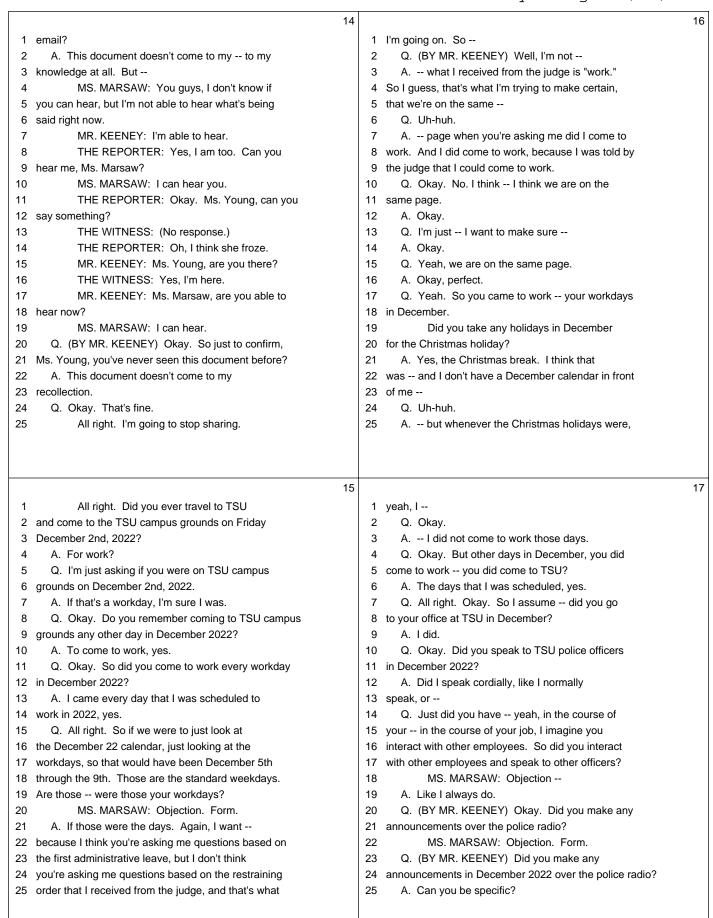
- A. In November, when I originally filed the
- 2 lawsuit --
- 3 Q. Uh-huh.
- 4 A. -- that is when the judge granted me the
- 5 temporary restraining order. And, I believe, it was
- 6 toward the end of November, which would have been
- 7 like the 28th, the 30th, or so, to get a December
- 8 restraining order.
- 9 Q. I see, okay. Well, I understand your point
- 10 about the temporary restraining order, but is it true
- 11 that TSU -- notwithstanding that temporary
- 12 restraining order, TSU, with this letter, did at
- 13 least initially place you on administrative leave
- 14 with pay?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And as it states in this letter, do
- 17 you agree that because you were placed on
- 18 administrative leave, TSU had requested that you
- 19 refrain from being on campus grounds?
- 20 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. So where it says
- 23 here, "we request that you refrain from being on
- 24 campus grounds," you disagree with that statement?
- 25 A. You said did I understand that that's what

1 complaint?

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- MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) You can answer.
- 4 A. In that letter, yes.
- Q. All right. I'm going to show another
- 6 document. I have marked this as Exhibit 2. If you
- 7 could just let me know when you have that open.
- 8 (Exhibit 2 marked.)
- 9 A. Is this the one that says -- this is my
- 10 letter. Is it not the same letter?
- 11 Q. This should be an email from Hao Le to
- 12 Benjamin Hall. If you're unable to open it, I can
- 13 share my screen.
- 14 A. Yes, I apologize. Can you please share your
- 15 screen?
- 16 Q. All right. Okay. Are you able to see that
- 17 PDF?
- 18 A. I am.
- 19 Q. Okay, great. Have you ever seen this
- 20 document?
- 21 A. I don't think so.
- 22 Q. You do not recognize this document?
- 23 A. I'm looking at -- it doesn't come to my
- 24 knowledge that I've seen this is what I'm saying.
- 25 Q. Okay. So you were never forwarded this

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1	Q. Just in general. It doesn't matter the	1	Q. Right. Any kind of TSU events. So	
2	subject. I'm just asking if you made any police	2	graduation, commencement, basketball games, other	
3	announcements on the police radio.	3	s sports events?	
4	A. I'm not certain if I did. "Good morning,"	4	A. I'm certain. I'm certain.	
5	could have been an announcement on the police radio.	5	Q. Okay. So did you use any university-owned	
6	Q. Right, right. Okay. Did you give any	(	items while you were well, in December 2022?	
7	directives to subordinate officers in December 2022?	7	A. Repeat that question. Did I do what?	
8	A. Again, I'm not I'm not following what	8	Q. Did you use any university-owned items when	
9	you're asking, but everything that I did was in	9	you were working in December 2022?	
10	purview of my job. And	10	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	
11	Q. Uh-huh.	11	A. Such as the police radio	
12	A again, I'm only going by the temporary	12	Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Radio	
13	restraining order that was provided for me.	13	A. Pen, paper	
14	So if you're asking me if I spoke to	14	Q keys, badge, phone?	
15	officers during that time I had a temporary	15	A. I'm the police chief, and I'm certain that I	
16	restraining order, yes.	16	would have used my badge for entry and keys to unlock	
17	If you're asking me, did I come to work	17		
18	during that time the temporary restraining order was	18		
19	on file, yes.	19		
20	If you're asking me, did I go to my	20		
21	office during that time I had a temporary restraining	21		
22	order, yes. I did every thing within this temporary	22		
23	restraining at TSU.	23	,	
24	Q. Okay. And, again, I'm just making sure that we have the facts.	24		
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	A. Okay.	1		
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- 2 vehicle.
- 3 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. That was the answer: When I went to work
- 5 Q. Okay. So you answered in the affirmative,
- 6 that you continued to use your police vehicle in
- 7 December?
  - A. When I went to work, I used the vehicle.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you still have that vehicle in
- 10 your possession?
- 11 A. No.

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- 12 Q. Okay. And why do you no longer have that
- 13 vehicle in your possession?
- 14 A. Why don't I have the vehicle?
- 15 Q. Yes. Did you -- did you turn it over to
- 16 TSU?
- 17 A. No. The vehicle was not used after
- 18 commencement. It's -- it was just placed at my
- 19 house.
- 20 Q. Okay. Is it still at your house?
- 21 A. No, I answered that one. I don't have the
- 22 vehicle.
- 23 Q. Do you know where it is now?
- 24 A. I do not.
- 25 Q. Was that vehicle towed from your house?

- 1 uniform to the Houston Rodeo?
  - 2 A. I did not have a police uniform on.
  - 3 Q. Oh, okay. Was it any other type of clothing

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- 4 with a police logo on it?
- 5 A. In 2024? Is that what you just said?
  - Q. I thought we were talking about 2023.
- 7 A. Okay. It doesn't come to mind that I had a
- 8 police uniform on in 2023.
- Q. Okay. So you never went to the Houston
- 10 Rodeo wearing a police T-shirt or any other type
- 11 of --

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- 12 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) -- clothing wearing --
- 14 clothing displaying the word "police"?
- 15 A. So I didn't work the rodeo in 2023. There
- 16 was a barbecue cook-off where am I -- I am the
- 17 coordinator for police officers, so I would have worn
- 18 maybe a police shirt there.
- 19 Q. Uh-huh.
- 20 A. Just a basic police shirt, like I would have
- 21 always worn.
- 22 Q. Okay. When did that barbecue cook-off
- 23 occur?
- 24 A. They're always in February.
- 25 Q. Okay. So February 2023, we're talking

- You asking me, or are you telling me,
- 2 because I don't know what happened to the vehicle.
- 3 Q. You don't know what happened, okay.
- 4 Do you currently have in your possession
- 5 your badge from TSU?
- 6 A. Yes.

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- 7 Q. Okay. Do you still have your TSU keys?
  - A. I believe the keys were in the vehicle, but
- 9 if not, possibly some keys.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you still have any TSU-issued
- 11 mobile telephone?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you go to any public events in
- 14 December 2022, in your police uniform?
- 15 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 16 A. Public event? Commencement?
- 17 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) I'll be more specific, did
- 18 you attend the Houston Rodeo in December 2022?
- 19 A. No, the rodeo.
- 20 Q. No? Okay. Did you attend the rodeo any
- 21 other time in 2022 or '3?
- 22 A. February?
- 23 Q. Oh, it was February 2023?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Oh, okay. Do you remember wearing a police

1 about.

- A. Okay.
- Q. Okay. At any point in December 2022, did
- 4 you visit the TSU campus with your attorney?
  - A. In December, yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Was that on one occasion or more than
- 7 one occasion?
- 8 A. I believe, one.
- 9 Q. Do you remember what day?
- 10 A. I do not.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you remember it -- what -- can you
- 12 -- can you say whether or not it was December 1st or
- 13 2nd?
- 14 MS. MARSAW: Objection.
- 15 A. I don't remember the date.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Do you remember what
- 17 you and your attorney did on that day at the TSU
- 18 campus?
- 19 A. I believe my attorney just met me in my
- 20 office.
- 21 Q. Uh-huh.
- 22 A. With the restraining order that I had in
- 23 place.
- 24 Q. Did you and your attorney speak with other
- 25 officers on that day?

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3	office. I think I did the salutations and the	3	Q. Okay. The date there is listed January 9th,	
4	pleasantries with officers.	4	2023. Do you believe that it was on or around	
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7	campus?	7	correct date that it was on my door.	
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11	A. Speaking?	11	Q. Yes.	
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- 1 A. I have no idea, because none of what's in
- 2 this statement is true or accurate.
- 3 Q. Okay. Did TSU ever ask you to cease causing
- 4 confusion, divisiveness, dissension, or acrimony?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. No? Do you have any idea what TSU requested
- 7 you to cease doing, prior to January 9th, 2023?
- A I do not
- 9 Q. No? Okay. All right. "This has distressed
- 10 TSU DPS's members, resulting in contemplated
- 11 resignations and sick leave usage."
- 12 Are you aware of any TSU employee who,
- 13 around this time, contemplated a resignation?
- 14 A. I have no idea.
- 15 Q. Do you have any knowledge of any TSU
- 16 employee who contemplated using sick leave around
- 17 this time?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. All right. I'm going to skip to the next
- 20 paragraph. "TSU no longer has the confidence that
- 21 you can continue to be a contributing member of the
- 22 TSU DPS with our ongoing focus on safety. You have
- 23 intentionally violated the terms of your paid
- 24 administrative leave communicated on December 1st,
- 25 2022."

- 1 I had the keys to get in.
  - 2 Q. Okay. I'm confused. So did they -- are you
  - 3 saying that TSU initially blocked your access to TSU
  - 4 buildings but that they later reactivated or
  - 5 reauthorized you to have access?
  - A. On my computer, yes.
  - 7 Q. Okay. Did you ever -- were you ever -- did
  - 8 you -- did you have a badge or a card to get access
  - 9 to TSU buildings?
  - A. Did I -- do I have a badge or card to get
  - 11 access to TSU buildings?
  - 12 Q. So I -- for example, I'm a state employee.
  - 13 I have a badge. Do you have or did you have a
  - 14 similar type of card or badge whenever you were at
  - 15 TSU?
  - 16 A. Yes, yes.
  - 17 Q. Okay. And did that badge give you access to
  - 18 buildings at TSU?
  - 19 A. If the -- if the doors were locked and it
  - 20 had an access code card on it, yes.
  - 21 Q. Okay. Did TSU remove your ability to use
  - 22 that card to get access to buildings?
  - 23 A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you remember when that occurred?
  - 25 A. I do not. I remember they reinstated and

- Do you agree that you violated the terms
- 2 of your paid administrative leave?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. "In fact, multiple TSU DPS officers have
- 5 testified via affidavit -- which is on file in the
- 6 spurious lawsuit you filed -- that you and your
- 7 counsel have gone so far as threatening them
- 8 individually and in-person on TSU's campus."
- 9 Did you ever threaten any TSU employee
- 10 individually?
- 11 A. No
- 12 Q. Did you ever witness your counsel, your
- 13 attorney, threaten any TSU employee?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. To the best of your knowledge, what do you
- 16 believe these statements are referring to?
- 17 A. To the best of my knowledge, none of these
- 18 statements are true referring to me. I have no idea
- 19 where these statements came from.
- 20 Q. At any point after you were placed on
- 21 administrative leave, did TSU block your card pass to
- 22 get into TSU buildings?
- 23 A. And when the temporary restraining order was
- 24 in effect, they unlocked my computer and the doors.
- 25 But my doors were never locked -- I'm sorry, because

- 1 put it back. Every time it did not work, a phone
  - 2 call was made to the general counsel, and it was
  - 3 suddenly -- my access was back allowed. I'm aware of
  - 4 that.

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- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. And it went on a couple of days, yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned your computer.
- 8 Did TSU restrict access to your office computer?
- 9 A. The sign-on part, yes.
- 10 Q. And did TSU similarly reauthorize you or
- 11 reactivate your ability to access your computer?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. Did TSU instruct TSU officers to
- 14 ignore any orders that you issued after you were
- 15 placed on administrative leave?
- 16 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 17 A. I don't know what TSU would have said to
- 18 officers.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Are you aware of --
- 20 did anyone ever inform you that they had been
- 21 instructed to ignore your orders after you were
- 22 placed on administrative leave?
- 23 A. I wasn't placed on administrative leave.
- 24 That leave was completely gone once the temporary
- 25 restraining order was in place.

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2	asking, did TSU or did anyone ever inform you did	2	A. No.	
3	any TSU employee ever inform you that they had been	3	Q. Okay. I'm going to stop sharing.	
4	instructed to disregard or ignore your orders after	4	One other question. Did you ever do	
5	you were after you received that letter on	5	you remember ever riding in a golf cart on TSU campus	
6	December 1st, 2022?	6	grounds in December 2022?	
7	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	7	A. Riding in a golf cart?	
8	A. I'm not sure.	8	Q. Yes.	
9	Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Did TSU change the	9	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	
10	locks on your office door?	10	A. Possibly for commencement?	
11	A. I'm not sure if the locks were changed, but	11	Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Commencement.	
12	I no longer had access to get in my door.	12	Did you do you remember at any point	
13	Q. Okay. And when did you attempt do you	13	handing out copies of a temporary restraining order	
14	remember when do you when did you attempt but	14	to TSU officers?	
15	were not able to get in through the door, as you	15	A. Yes.	
16	as you said?	16	Q. Okay. And when did that occur?	
17	A. I don't remember the date, but it was in	17	A. I want to say the very next day that the	
18	December.	18	restraining order, which, I believe, is the same day	
19	Q. Of 2022?	19	of the administrative leave form you put in the chat.	
20	A. Yes.	20	Q. So either December 1st or 2nd?	
21	Q. Okay. Do you forgive me if I asked this,	21	A. It was in December.	
22	but did you issue any official directives or orders	22	Q. Okay. Apart from handing copies of the	
23	to TSU officers in December 2022 or January 2023?	23	court orders to TSU officers, did you place any of	
24	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	24	these court orders on the tops of people's computers?	
25	A. I don't recall issuing any orders.	25	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	
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25 believe it would not have been up to January 9th,

Q. All right. Do you have any reason to

20 it's -- for at least some time worked in January.

Do you remember the last day that you

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22 received pay for?

A. No.

25 drawn more visitors to come on campus, like the NAAC

20 be -- commencement is a special event -- something

21 that doesn't quite often happen on campus regularly.

23 game be considered a special event?

Q. Okay. Commencement. Would a basketball

A. Possibly, if that basketball game would have

- 1 -- I mean, NCAA or something of that sort.
- 2 Q. Uh-huh. Did that ever happen? Did the NCAA
- 3 host a basketball game at TSU?
- 4 A. They did.
- 5 Q. That's pretty cool.
- 6 Can you think of any other events that
- 7 qualify as a special event?
  - A. Maybe voting. It's -- there's a length of
- 9 events, and I really don't have any in front of me
- 10 to --
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. -- share. But there are -- are a long list
- 13 of events that qualifies for special event pay.
- 14 Q. Okay. If an officer receives special event
- 15 pay and worked -- let's say the event was from
- 16 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., how would that be reported
- 17 on the officer's time sheet?
- 18 A. I'm certain that officers have to record all
- 19 of their overtime pay or special event pay or special
- 20 rate pay on their own individual time sheets, and
- 21 they give them to their supervisors.
- 22 Q. Uh-huh. Would the officer indicate that he
- 23 worked from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., or would he or she
- 24 indicate -- would it be permissible to indicate that
- 25 the officer worked from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.?

- 1 particular event you're speaking of, so I don't -- I
- 2 don't know. Again --
- Q. Uh-huh.
- 4 A. -- I just sign off on the -- on the form.
- 5 The rates are already there. I don't make the rates.
- 6 The rates are already there.
- Q. To the best of your knowledge, do you know
- 8 what a TSU sergeant would receive for working a
- 9 special event?
- 10 A. I don't. To the best of my knowledge, if I
- 11 could possibly say \$40, \$50, or \$60 an hour, and I
- 12 don't know what event.
- 13 Q. Uh-huh.
- 14 A. But it could range between those three.
- 15 Q. Does the event -- does the type of event
- 16 affect how much the rate of pay would be?
- 17 A. Yes
- 18 Q. Can you give me an example of two different
- 19 types of events that would have different rates of
- 20 pay?

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- 21 A. Yes. So like the special events for -- so
- 22 there is a special event, and then there is a
- 23 special-special event.
- 24 So the special-special is something that
- 25 probably would only happen once on the campus. Like,

- 1 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 2 A. The time would reflect what the hours were
- 3 that they worked.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. And is there a
- 5 special code that is used for special event pay?
- 6 A. I don't handle the rates and the paperwork
- 7 on events. I just sign off on the officers'
- 8 paperwork once it's been viewed up through their
- 9 chain of command and the other supervisors. I'm the
- 10 very last person that sees those forms.
- 11 Q. Thank you for that, but my question is: Are
- 12 you aware of a special code that is used for special
- 13 event pay?
- 14 A. Again, if there is a code that's used, I
- 15 don't create the code. I just sign off on the form.
- 16 So if you're telling me that there is a special code,
- 17 then I'll agree with you. I don't know about a
- 18 special code, because I don't create a code.
- 19 Q. Okay. So you're unfamiliar with any code
- 20 that was ever used for special event pay?
- 21 A. I don't know what code is used.
- 22 Q. Okay. What rate of pay would an officer
- 23 receive for special events -- for special event pay?
- 24 A. The rates vary from officer to security to
- 25 supervisor, so I don't know. I don't know what

- 1 we had the Democratic National Convention, and they
  - 2 received that special-special rate. Therefore, the
  - 3 CFO and the president, along with myself, would have
  - 4 signed off on that rate.
  - 5 And that probably would have been, for a
  - 6 supervisor, maybe 60 an hour. But like a special
  - 7 event that happens regularly on campus, such as
  - 8 Homecoming or student events, those supervisors
  - 9 probably are at 50 an hour or something like that.
  - 10 Q. I see.
  - 11 A. Or the law school--
  - 12 Q. Okay.
  - 13 A. -- school or something, yes.
  - 14 Q. Were there any special events where the
  - 15 officer would receive \$25 an hour?
  - 16 A. Well, security. Security would probably
  - 17 receive that amount.
  - 18 Q. Okay. So officers who are working security
  - 19 at a special event would receive 24 -- I'm sorry, \$25
  - 20 an hour?
  - 21 A. Security officers, not certified police
  - 22 officers.
  - 23 So TSU has a hybrid organization. There
  - 24 are certified police officers, and then there are
  - 25 security officers. So security officers would

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42 1 probably make \$25 an hour, whereas certified police 1 she concluded on her finding. 2 officer would probably make \$40 an hour. 2 Q. All right. So who is Darlene Brown? 3 Q. I see. Okay. Can you help me understand 3 A. It says up there that she's the acting chief 4 what is the difference between a security officer, 4 audit. 5 5 and a -- you said it was a certified police officer? Q. Acting chief audit executive, right? A. Certified state licensed --6 A. That's what it says. I don't -- I don't --7 Q. State --7 I've never heard that term used before, and I've A. -- police officer. That's the difference worked there since 2017. But that's what that --8 between a security officer. A security officer is that's what that says. 9 9 just an officer that works in a capacity of security; 10 Q. Okay. Are you aware that TSU hired 11 not certified, not licensed, or anything of that 11 Ms. Brown to conduct an audit? 12 nature. 12 A. No. Q. Okay. All right. Did you ever meet with 13 Q. I see. So the security officer would not 13 14 have a license from the Texas Commission on Law 14 Darlene Brown when you were at TSU? 15 Enforcement? 15 A. So Darlene Brown was the acting chief 16 A. That is correct. 16 because the actual chief audit resigned in May, 17 Q. I see. And if I understood you correctly, because she was not certified. And so Darlene Brown the security officers would receive \$25 an hour for 18 came in at that moment as the acting chief audit. special events. Licensed police officers, would they 19 19 Q. What is the name of that individual you said 20 was not certified? 20 ever receive \$25 an hour for a special event? 21 A. The certified police officers, \$25 an hour? 21 A. Her name is -- give me a second. Charla 22 22 Parker-Thompson. So she was the auditor up until May Q. Yes, excuse me. The certified police 23 officer, is there any special event that they would 23 when Darlene Brown came in. 24 have worked and received \$25 an hour? 24 Q. Okay. Thank you. 25 A. I can't recall one. 25 A. You're welcome. 43 Q. So did you meet with Darlene Brown at some

Q. Okay. 1 2 MR. KEENEY: All right. We're close 2 point in 2022? enough to 11:00. I like to take breaks approximately A. Darlene Brown sent me a Zoom request. I every hour. Would it be all right if we come back at 4 think it was Teams in 2022, yes. 4 5 11:00? 6 MS. MARSAW: That's fine. 6 over Teams? 7 MR. KEENEY: Great. Thank you. 7 A. In July of 2022, correct. 8 THE REPORTER: Off the record at 10:55. 8 9 (Recess 10:55 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.) 10 THE REPORTER: Okay. Back on the record 10 11 at 11:02. 11 12 looking at? 12 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. I'm going to 13 send and share what I've marked as Exhibit 4. 13 A. Yeah, you put up Page 4. 14 (Exhibit 4 marked.) 14 15 Q. Ms. Young, if you could please let me know 15 16 if you're able to see the next exhibit? 16 17 A. Yes, I can see it. 18 Q. All right. Do you recognize this document? 19 19 20 Q. Okay. So you've seen this document before? 20 21 A. I've seen this document when my attorney 21 statement to Darlene Brown? 22 gave it to me. 22 23 Q. Okay. And can you describe the document for 24 me?

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A. It appears to be from Darlene Brown, what

Q. All right. So you met with Darlene Brown Q. Okay, great. All right. So I'm just going to scroll down to Page 4. All right. So this is a summary of Darlene Brown's interview with you. Can you confirm that's what we're Q. Yes, okay. So you confirmed that you met with Darlene Brown in July 2022. All right. Do you remember making this first 17 statement, Darlene Brown says, "The Chief of Police stated that she would not tell officers to record time that was not worked." I'll stop there. Did you -- do you recall making that A. Yes, but can we go back? When you asked, 23 have I met with Darlene in July over Teams? Completely different from what you've shown me now. 25 This is August, and she only met with me

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- 1 in August after the board of regents had advised her
- 2 to meet with me. So that -- the very first meeting
- 3 in July --
- 4 Q. Uh-huh.
- 5 A. -- is not what this is.
- 6 Q. Oh, I --
- 7 A. I just want to make certain that we're clear
- 8 on that.
- 9 Q. So you met with Darlene Brown on more than
- 10 one occasion?
- 11 A. I met with her in July because that was the
- 12 first time -- she came in June. The June board
- 13 meeting, and they introduced her as the new auditor
- now, because the other lady had resigned in May. 14
- 15 And then in July, a Teams call -- she
- sent me a Teams call, talking about my officers with 16
- field training. 17
- Q. Okay. And were there any other times you 18
- met with Darlene Brown? 19
- 20 A. And then in August.
- Q. And then in August. All right. So this 21
- investigation interview summary, is it your testimony 22
- 23 that this refers to the meeting in August?
- 24 A. Yes.

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25 Q. All right. Thank you for that

- A. That -- I don't agree with that. I don't
  - know where that came from. You don't get paid just
  - because you're covering someone's assignment.
  - 4 Q. Okay. "The Chief of Police authorized
  - 5 Officers Ward, McAfee, and Holiday that they can
  - pick-up 8 hours bi-monthly not the 2 hours a day."
  - 7 A. I don't -- I don't know what that means.

    - Q. Okay. So you never stated that?
  - 9 A. No. And to clarify, again, I only saw
  - this -- this entire packet that you're showing me, is
- when I filed my lawsuit and my attorney brought it to
- 12 my attention after the TRO. I had never seen this
- 13 prior to that, and that was in 2023, so I had never
- 14 seen any of this until 2023.
- 15 Q. So the first time you saw this report was
- 16 2023?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. So do you -- so you disagree with this
- statement that you told Darlene Brown that officers 19
- would receive compensation for covering the shifts of 20
- 21 their supervisors?
- 22 A. Yes. I've not known officers to get
- 23 compensated just for covering a shift. I have known
- officers, senior officers, to take the role as --
- over that shift when their supervisors are on another

clarification.

- 2 So do you remember in August informing
- Darlene Brown -- and we'll start with the first line 3
- -- that you "would not tell officers to record time
- that was not worked"?
- A. I don't remember if it was actually August,
- but I do remember saying that I would not have
- officers record time if they had not worked it. That
- sounds like something I would say, yes.
- Q. Uh-huh. Okay. And then next line, "and 10
- 11 then according to policies they must have worked the
- 12 time in order to record it," correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. "The Chief of Police stated that 14
- there has been instances where supervisors (senior 15
- officers) have similar off days so others have had to 16
- cover their shifts." 17
- 18 Is this a true statement?
- A. I believe supervisors have had other 19
- 20 officers cover their shift. I believe that's true.
- 21 Q. "In these instances, the officers would work
- 22 the shift but since they can't have a promotion they
- would receive compensation -- it was not to be a 23
- 24 daily or weekly thing."
- 25 Do you agree with that statement?

- 1 assignment or doing something, but I've never known
  - anyone to get paid for covering a shift.
  - Q. So if an officer is acting as lead
  - 4 officer -- are you familiar with the term "lead
  - officer"? 5

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- 6 A. So that term -- lead officer is just a term
- that means you are taking the lead for that day.
- Nothing else. There is nothing significant about the
- term other than you're taking the lead for that day.
- There is no compensatory time that you receive for
- 11 it, no money that you get out of it. It's just the
- title that you receive -- I mean, that you're using
- 13 that day. So I am familiar with that word. "lead."
- 14 Q. All right. So if an officer -- if an
- 15 officer's supervisor is not working and the officer
- fills in as the lead officer, did you authorize that
- officer to receive any additional compensation? 17
- A. No. And once again, oftentimes I don't know 18
- who's filling in, who's taking leave. That's through 19
- their own chain of command. So I wouldn't know who
- took the lead for that day or what supervisor is off
- that day. There is no compensation to receive for
- 23 lead officer, so, no.
- Q. Okav. All right. "The Chief of Police
- stated that she did not direct Lieutenant Bridges,

1 Lieutenant Jones, Sergeant Barnett, Lieutenant

- 2 Starks, Sergeant McCray, Sergeant Brown, and Sergeant
- 3 John-Miller to sign the time sheets for individuals
- 4 to receive an additional two (2) hours a day field
- 5 training pay."
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you with agree with that estimate?
- 8 A. That is correct. I did authorize that.
- 9 Q. All right. "The Chief of Police stated that
- 10 all supervisor's meetings are recorded." Did you --
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. -- make that statement? Okay. "And that
- 13 she would provide the Acting Chief Audit Executive
- 14 with the recordings."
- 15 Did you make that statement?
- 16 A. Yes. And I believe she listened to all the
- 17 recordings of the meetings.
- 18 Q. All right. So you state that there was no
- 19 supervisor meeting in January 2022?
- 20 Do you remember that -- making that
- 21 statement?
- 22 A. So, again, I -- the way this is written, she
- 23 and I did not have that conversation like that, so I
- 24 did not see this entire package until 2023.
- 25 The anonymous complaint that was filed

- 1 another division. She did not work in my division.
  - 2 We were using her services because we did not have a
  - 3 timekeeper for our department, and so she was working
  - 4 our department as a timekeeper as well as her own
  - 5 department as a timekeeper.
  - Q. I see. So she had "been serving as the DPS
  - 7 timekeeper since the end of October 2020 or
  - 8 November 2020." That's what it states here.
    - Do you agree with that?
  - 10 A. I disagree. She wasn't the DPS timekeeper.
  - 11 Q. She wasn't -- okay. So your testimony is
  - 12 she wasn't the DPS timekeeper, but she was providing
  - 13 services?

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- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. I see, okay. So is it more accurate, then,
- 16 to say that she was providing timekeeping services
- 17 since October or November 2020?
- 18 A. She was assisting us in timekeeping
- 19 services, yes.
- 20 Q. All right. I'm going to skip ahead to the
- 21 next -- I'm going to skip to the third paragraph.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. "Ms. Scruggs stated that the Chief of Police
- 24 told Ms. Scruggs to create a code for individuals to
- 25 use if they are acting in a supervisor role." I'll

- 1 had January 2022 on there, and so she asked if I had
- 2 any recordings from January 2022. And so that's
- 3 where this conversation is coming from, the
- 4 recordings from January 2022 supervisors' meeting.
- 5 And so that's -- I'm believing that that's why that
- 6 question is answered like it is --
- 7 Q. Okay.

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- A. -- because she went back to the 2022
- 9 recording in January.
- 10 Q. All right. So were there any supervisor
- 11 meetings in January 2022?
- 12 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 13 A. Again, if there were any meetings, they're
- 14 all recorded. All of my meetings are recorded.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Do you remember if
- 16 there were supervisor meetings after January 2022?
- 17 A. All of the meetings are recorded. I try to
- 18 have a supervisors' meeting once a month or once
- 19 every two months. At any rate, every meeting that I
- 20 would have had with supervisors would have been
- 21 recorded.
- 22 Q. Okay. All right. Let's skip ahead, and I'm
- 23 going to read some statements from the interview with
- 24 Ms. Chandra Scruggs. Who is Ms. Chandra Scruggs?
- 25 A. Now, Chandra Scruggs was -- she worked in

1 stop there.

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- 2 Did you tell Ms. Scruggs to create a
- 3 code for individuals to use if they are acting in a
- 4 supervisor role?
- A. No, sir.
- 6 Q. All right. And same question. Did you
- 7 inform Ms. Scruggs that these officers acting in a
- 8 supervisor role are to receive \$25 an hour on top of
- 9 their regular hourly rate?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. You never said that the chief of -- I'm
- 12 sorry. You never said that you can't promote them,
- 13 but you wanted to compensate them?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. All right. Apart from receiving pay for
- 16 filling in as a supervisor, did you ever authorize
- 17 officers to receive an additional \$25 an hour for any
- 18 other reason?
- 19 A. Repeat your question. You said, "aside from
- 20 filling in as a supervisor"?
- 21 Q. So you -- your testimony is that you never
- 22 authorized an additional 25 an hour for the purpose
- 23 of filling in as a supervisor. Did I understand you
- 24 correctly?
- 25 A. That's correct. You don't get paid just

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1 because you filled in for a supervisor.

- Q. Did you ever authorize an additional \$25 an
- 3 hour for any other purpose or reason?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Ms. Scruggs stated -- I'm looking at the
- 6 last paragraph of that section. "Ms. Scruggs stated
- 7 that the code HRSTLDR is used to identify the hours
- 8 worked as a 'lead officer'/shift supervisor, and that
- 9 she prepares a separate sign-in sheet each pay period
- 10 for this."
- 11 Are you familiar with the code HRSTLDR?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. You have never heard this code?
- 14 A. I'm not familiar with that code.
- 15 Q. Okay. So you never heard of anyone using
- 16 this code?
- 17 MS. MARSAW: Objection.
- 18 A. I'm not familiar with that code.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Have you ever seen this
- 20 code used on a time sheet?
- 21 A. I am not familiar with that code.
- Q. All right. So this is the first time that
- 23 you have ever seen this code. Is that your
- 24 testimony?
- 25 A. I saw this document for the first time in

1 record the HRSTLDR hours as different times than the

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- 2 times they recorded for their shift."
- 3 Are you aware of whether or not
- 4 Ms. Scruggs informed these officers --
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. -- they would be recording hours as
- 7 different times than the times they recorded for
- 8 their shift?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. All right. Moving on to the next section.
- 11 "The Deputy Chief of Police," and is that Bobby
- 12 Brown?
- 13 A. The Deputy Chief of Police at the time was
- 14 Frederick Brown.
- 15 Q. Frederick Brown. "The Deputy Chief of
- 16 Police stated that he has been present when the Chief
- 17 of Police verbally gave approval for Field Training
- 18 Officers (FTO) to add two hours to their time each
- 19 day."
- 20 Did you verbally give approval for field
- 21 training officers to add two hours to their time?
- 22 A. So there is a field training manual that
- 23 officers have, and when they are training someone,
- 24 the field training supervisor is allowed to give the
- 25 field training officer that's training the incoming

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- 1 2023, so I've seen this document. As far as that
- 2 code. I am not familiar with that code.
- 3 Q. When you read this document, was that the
- 4 first time that you ever saw or heard of this code?
- 5 A. Yes
- 6 Q. Okay. "When preparing the payroll, she
- 7 includes this along with the Weekly Time Reports to
- B Command for signature and then she delivers the
- 9 signed pay packages to Human Resources (Payroll)."
- 10 Do you have any knowledge of this
- 11 statement, whether this statement is accurate or not?
- 12 A. That she sends the weekly time reports to
- 13 the command for their signatures? Absolutely.
- 14 Q. That's the correct process?
- 15 A. The process is the officers fill in their
- 16 time sheets. There -- they give to it their
- 17 supervisors.
- 18 Q. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. From that supervisor, it goes to that
- 20 lieutenant. From that lieutenant, it goes to that
- 21 captain. From the captain, it goes to the deputy
- 22 chief, and I'm the very last person that signs off on
- 23 that.
- 24 Q. Okay. "Ms. Scruggs stated that she did tell
- 25 Officers Ward, McAfee, and Holiday that they have to

- 1 officer overtime. And they can get up to two hours
  - 2 that time per day if they're -- when they're
  - 3 training.
  - 4 Q. Okay.
  - 5 A. So I think that's what she tried to say in
  - 6 that, but she didn't word it correctly.
  - 7 Q. I see. "The Deputy Chief of Police stated
  - 8 that he may have repeated that Field Training
  - 9 Officers could record two hours for paperwork."
  - 10 Do you recall whether or not the Deputy
  - 11 Chief of Police made that statement?
  - 12 A. I am not aware of that.
  - 13 Q. Okay. Skipping to the next paragraph. "The
  - 14 Deputy Chief of Police stated that Chief of Police
  - 15 Young advised leads (Lead Officers) that if they came
  - 16 in and were acting as a lead, they could get
  - 17 compensated."
  - 18 Is that a true statement?
  - 19 A. No. And can I just add something? All of
  - 20 this that's written is written from one person.
  - 21 Normally, when an investigation of this
  - 22 manner takes place, the person writes in their own
  - 23 words and sign it so that it's accurate that that's
  - 24 what they said.

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This is hearsay, or me just listening to

58 1 what she interpreted. And sometimes interpretation 1 Q. I just scrolled up to the end of the can be wrong, and I think this entire investigation investigation interview summary for you. It states, 3 is wrong, based on her interpretation. "The Chief of Police asked if she should speak with 4 And so that's why it's hard for me to 4 the individuals that recorded overtime." Did you ask Darlene Brown if you could 5 understand how you're asking and presenting the 5 questions, because I think it's hard to follow along or should speak with the individuals about the with how she interpreted the answers. Her responses 7 substance of the investigation? 8 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. are not conducive to what police officers would say, 9 9 and so that's why this investigation is inaccurate. A. The conversation that I had with her in July 10 Q. Okay. via Teams, it was in with field training, and she has 11 MR. KEENEY: I'll just object to the it recorded because the Teams were recorded. That 12 nonresponsive portion of that answer, but thank you. meeting is recorded. And I asked her, "Should I speak with those officers?" And she said, "Yes." 13 A. Okay. 14 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. So is it -- is 14 So that Teams meeting is recorded, so 15 it true that you -- I'll strike that. 15 you can go back and hear that. 16 16 Did you allow officers to receive a Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Darlene Brown states here, 17 total of 16 hours a month of additional compensation? 17 "I told her she should not." 18 A. No. I don't understand the question. 18 Did Darlene Brown tell you you should 19 Q. So it -- it states here, "He stated that the 19 not talk to the other officers? maximum allowed by the Chief of Police was a total of 20 20 A. That Teams meeting is recorded. 21 16 hours a month." 21 Q. I understand, but I'm just asking you: Did 22 22 Darlene Brown state that you should not talk to other Perhaps I phrased that confusingly. Did 23 you authorize officers to receive a total of 16 23 officers? hours' worth of additional compensation for any 24 A. I asked her, "Should I speak with the reason? officers about field training?" And she said, "Yes."

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2 A. No.

Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) "The Deputy Chief of Police 3

stated he was present in a meeting the week of

July 4, 2022 with Officers Ward, McAfee, and

6 Ms. Scruggs when the Chief of Police asked who told

7 them how to report their time."

8 Do you recall a meeting on July 4th --

or the week of July 4th, 2022?

10 A. I believe that was the first time I met with

11 Darlene over Teams about field training, and it was

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13 Q. Did you meet with Officers Ward, McAfee, and

14 Ms. Scruggs during the week of July 4th, 2022?

15 A. I don't know the actual date. I remember

talking to Darlene Brown for the very first time in

17 July. That conversation dealt with field training

officers and pay, and she mentioned those names, the

names that you just mentioned, which are not field 19

20 training officers.

21 Q. I'm just asking if you met with these

individuals and asked them how -- and asked them who

23 told them how to record their time?

24 A. I remember meeting with those individuals.

I'm not sure the depth of the conversation.

Q. Did you ask Darlene Brown if you could speak

2 with any individuals on any topic relating to her

investigation?

4 A. In --

5 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.

6 A. In July, I didn't know it was an

investigation. When she called a Teams meeting in

July, she asked for information.

Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Uh-huh. Then did you ask

if you could speak with individuals -- I'm not asking 10

about overtime, I'm asking did you ask if you could

12 speak with individuals about lead officer pay?

13 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.

14 A. I don't even know what lead officer pay is.

15 There is no such thing.

16 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Then is your answer no?

A. That is correct.

Q. Okay. Did Darlene Brown tell you that you

19 should not talk to other officers about any other

20 topic?

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21 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.

22 A. When I spoke with her via Teams, I asked her

23 could I speak to officers regarding the field

24 training, because that's what she called me about,

was the field training, and she said yes.

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- 1 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) And I -- and I understand
- 2 that. But I'm asking about other topics. Were there
- 3 any other topics that you asked if you could speak to
- 4 officers about and --
- 5 A. I think the only --
  - Q. -- that Darlene Brown said no.
- 7 A. Sorry about that overtalk.
  - MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 9 A. The only topic that was talked about was the
- 10 field training, so I'm going to say, no, still.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Let's talk about the
- 12 August meeting.

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- 13 Did Darlene Brown tell you that you
- 14 should not talk to other officers about any topic in
- 15 the August meeting that you had with Darlene Brown?
- 16 A. August? I don't remember her having that
- 17 conversation with me in August.
- 18 Q. All right. Let's go to the next interview
- 19 summary. This says for Dispatch Supervisor (Officer
- 20 Tina Dorsey).
- 21 "The Dispatch Supervisor stated that
- 22 Chief Young held Officers McAfee and Ward over after
- 23 a supervisors meeting in February 2022."
- 24 Do you remember holding these officers
- 25 back after a supervisors' meeting in February 2022?

- 1 I'm asking do you recall speaking -- I understand
  - 2 there is a recording, but I'm asking to your best --
  - 3 the best of your knowledge and memory, did you speak
  - 4 with Officers McAfee and Ward after a supervisors'
  - 5 meeting in February of 2022?
    - A. I don't want to say yes and I did not, and I
  - 7 don't want to say no. So I just can't recall that
  - 8 right now. It's not coming to my mind that there was
  - 9 a meeting after the meeting.
  - 10 Q. Uh-huh. It may not have been an official
  - 11 meeting. I'm just asking if you spoke with them. Do
  - 12 you remember speaking with them?
    - MS. MARSAW: Objection.
  - 14 A. I could have, if they had a question after
  - 15 the meeting. I really can't answer that to say yes
  - 16 or no, because there are always people behind the
  - 17 meetings that want to talk. So I wouldn't say I
  - 18 didn't speak to them and they were there.
  - 19 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. Do you recall
  - 20 telling Officers McAfee and Ward that for two of the
  - 21 five days working as a supervisor/lead officer they
  - 22 could receive special event pay?
  - 23 A. No.

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- 24 Q. Okay. Do you know what this statement may
- 25 be referring to?

- 1 A. I do not remember holding anyone back.
- 2 There are always officers that stay around once the
- 3 meeting has adjourned, and so if the topic was about
- 4 these officers doing a great job, then I can see that
- 5 those officers were held back.
- 6 Q. I see. So are you -- is it your testimony
- 7 that you spoke with -- maybe you didn't hold them
- 8 back, but is it your testimony that you spoke with
- 9 these officers, McAfee and Ward, after a supervisors'
- 10 meeting in February 2022?
- 11 A. All supervisors' meetings are recorded, so
- 12 it's on the recording if I spoke with them.
- 13 At this moment, I'm not certain if it
- 14 was February that I spoke with them or what was said,
- 15 but if they are saying that we had a meeting, then,
- 16 yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well, the -- this is talking about
- 18 what happened after the meeting. So presumably the
- 19 meeting would not be recorded.
- 20 So I'm asking, do you recall speaking
- 21 after the supervisors' meeting with Officers McAfee
- 22 and Ward?
- 23 A. All the meetings are recorded, even
- 24 afterwards the recordings are still going on.
- 25 Q. Well, thank you for that information. But

- 1 A. Is that a statement that I made?
  - Q. I'm just asking -- so this is a summary of

- 3 Tina Dorsey's investigation interview.
- 4 A. Oh. no.
- 5 Q. Do you recall or do you know what
- 6 Tina Dorsey is referring to with this statement?
- 7 A. No, sir.
- 8 Q. So it's your testimony that you never
- 9 instructed or informed these officers, McAfee and
- 10 Ward, that they could receive special event pay for
- 11 working as a supervisor/lead officer for two of the
- 12 five days that they did so?
- 13 A. It is my testimony.
- 14 Q. The next sentence, "She did not provide
- 15 instruction on how to do this and told them to see
- 16 the DPS timekeeper Ms. Scruggs."
- 17 Do you recall informing Officers McAfee
- 18 and Ward to see the DPS timekeeper for --
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. -- instructions on how to fill out their
- 21 time sheets?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. "The Dispatch Supervisor stated that when
- 24 she saw Officer McAfee's Weekly Timesheet with the
- 25 special code she called Ms. Scruggs and was told that

1 Chief Young authorized the code."

- 2 So again we have another statement that
- 3 you authorized the use of a special code, and I'm
- 4 just trying to understand where -- what this -- if
- 5 you're denying this, where is this testimony coming
- 6 from?
- 7 MS. MARSAW: Objection.
- 8 A. And, again, this is her interpretation from
- 9 who she spoke with.
- 10 I don't know anything about a special
- 11 code. I did not authorize a special code. And so,
- 12 again, reading this, you're telling me this is what
- 13 the dispatch supervisor said to Ms. Brown.
- 14 That's their interpretation, and this is
- 15 what we're looking at, so I'm not -- I'm not certain
- 16 on what's being said. I didn't authorize a special
- 17 code. I didn't know anything about a special code.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay.
- 19 A. And I think you'll see that inside
- 20 Ms. Scruggs' testimony. I think she did an affidavit
- 21 to confirm that I knew nothing about a special
- 22 code --
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. -- nor did I authorize a special code.
- 25 Q. All right. "The Dispatch Supervisor stated

- 1 official meeting or formal meeting, but did you ever
  - 2 tell these officers on or around July 6th, 2022, that
  - 3 an investigation was coming up?
  - 4 A. No.
  - 5 Q. And I'm just trying to be comprehensive, so
  - 6 I thank you for your patience.
  - 7 A. Uh-huh.
  - 8 Q. Did you instruct Officer Holiday to join the
  - 9 meeting, any meeting, that this might be referring
  - 10 to?
  - 11 A. I do not recall having a separate meeting in
  - 12 July with just four people. My supervisor meeting
  - 13 incorporates everyone, encompasses everyone. So to
  - 14 have a meeting with four people, that's not -- that's
  - 15 not normal.
  - 16 Q. Okay. All right. I'm just going to go down
  - 17 to -- let's see.
  - 18 All right. I think we can skip ahead,
  - 19 save us some time. I'm just going to show Appendix C
  - of the Darlene Brown investigation report.
  - 21 This appears to be a sample time sheet.
  - 22 A. Okay.

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- 23 Q. For an Officer James Ward. Would this be a
- 24 time sheet that you, in your capacity as police chief
- 25 at TSU, would have approved?

1 that on Wednesday, July 6th, 2022, the Chief of

- 2 Police held a meeting with Sergeant Jones, Officer
- 3 McCray, and Officer Dorsey."
- 4 Do you remember a meeting on or around
- 5 July 6th, 2022, with these officers?
- 6 A. I do not, but all those meetings are
- 7 recorded, and if they -- if that's the correct date
- 8 and time, then whatever was said would be in that --
- 9 on the recording.
- 10 Q. Are these officers supervisors, or were
- 11 they --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. -- I guess, at the time?
- 14 A. Yes. The Sergeant -- Sergeant James was --
- 15 Sergeant McCray, I think you said Officer. Dorsey is
- 16 not an officer.
- 17 I don't understand the statement. So
- 18 that's -- all of that's inaccurate. I have no idea
- 19 what that even mean.
- 20 Q. Okay. So you never held -- you don't
- 21 remember, at least, having a meeting just with these
- 22 officers?
- 23 A. No. I did not have a meeting with just
- 24 these officers to instruct them about a meeting, no.
- 25 Q. Did you ever -- perhaps it wasn't an

1 A. If the -- if the times are accurate and the

- 2 time sheets have been sent up via the chain of
- 3 command and then given to me, then, yes, we would
- 4 have approved that.
- 5 Q. Okay. I can't read the signatures here, but
- 6 do you recognize any of the notations on this page to
- 7 be your signature?
- 8 A. No, that's not my signature.
- 9 Q. Okay. So none of these --
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. None of these -- I'm sorry. I need to move,
- 12 because my light went out.
- 13 A. Okav.
- 14 Q. All right. So your signature is nowhere
- 15 listed on -- or nowhere indicated on this page,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. All right. So I wanted to ask about what is
- 19 listed or indicated under Special Event Work Hours.
- 20 It says or it indicates here that this
- 21 officer worked from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on
- 22 March 13th, 2022; the officer worked from 11:00 p.m.
- 23 to 7:00 a.m. on March 13th, 2022 -- I presume that
- 24 that carries over to the next day, the 14th -- and
- 25 that the officer worked from, going back down to

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1 special events, 3:00 p.m. through 11:00 p.m. on

2 March 14th.

3 And then I assume that this is a typo

- 4 because the others say 11:00 p.m., but it says
- 5 11:00 a.m. on March 14th, 2022, to 7:00 a.m. So I
- 6 presume that should be 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the 7 next day.
- 8 So there is a special event section.
- 9 Are you aware of what special event Officer Ward
- 10 could have been working to receive the special
- 11 event -- or to prompt him to note on his time sheet
- 12 that he was working a special event?
- 13 MS. MARSAW: Objection. And I also want
- 14 to just point out that she's already made it clear
- 15 that she doesn't have personal knowledge of this
- 16 particular document, and her signature is not on it.
- 17 MR. KEENEY: Thank you.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) You can answer the
- 19 question, Ms. Young.
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. All right.
- 22 A. I don't know what event he would have
- 23 worked, no.
- 24 Q. Okay. Is it typical for officers to work
- 25 eight-hour events before or after their shift?

1 have been the TSU Relays, a number of things happen.

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- 2 I believe this particular officer worked the
- 3 nightshift, which was 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- 4 So he would have to work anything before
- 5 his shift started at 11:00 p.m. So anything that he
- 6 worked prior -- before 11:00 p.m. could have resulted
- 7 in an eight-hour or four-hour event that took place.
  - Like I said, Homecoming, that's an
- 9 entire week of something. TSU Relays is a couple of
- 10 weekends, so, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. So it's your testimony that James
- 12 Ward would have only been authorized to receive the
- 13 special event pay for these two periods of -- through
- 14 -- on March 13th and 14th, between 3:00 and
- 15 11:00 p.m., if he was working a special event on
- 16 those days?
- 17 A. So I don't know what event this is and what
- 18 he worked. I'm only answering the question is it
- 19 likely that that can happen before their shift. So I
- 20 don't know --
- 21 Q. My question is: Is it authorized? Now,
- 22 I've moved on.

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- 23 I'm asking is it authorized to receive
- 24 special event pay regardless of whether or not,
- 25 Ward -- in other words, for this time sheet and for

- 1 A. Is it likely that officers can work events
- 2 before their shifts or after their shifts, yes.
- 3 Q. No, my question is: Is it typical to work
- 4 an eight-hour shift -- an eight-hour -- I'm sorry.
- 5 Is it typical to work an eight-hour
- 6 event immediately before or after a regular shift?
- A. Again, it's likely that an officer can work
- 8 an event before or after their shift. If it is an
- 9 eight -- if it's an eight-hour or a four-hour event,
- 10 it's likely that can happen.
- 11 Q. Is it typical is my question.
- 12 A. Does it happen --
- 13 Q. Not whether or not it could.
- 14 A. -- regularly?
- 15 Q. I'm not asking if it could happen. I'm
- 16 asking how likely is it? How -- sorry. How typical
- 17 is it?
- 18 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 19 A. It's very likely, and if you want to use the
- 20 word "typical," can it occur? Typically, it can.
- 21 So, yes, it happens.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Give me some examples of
- 23 special events that would run from 3:00 p.m. to
- 24 11:00 p.m. at TSU.
- 25 A. Homecoming, voter registration. It could

- 1 the pay to have been authorized, would Officer
  - 2 Ward -- would Officer Ward have had to be -- would
  - 3 have had -- would Officer Ward have had to be working
  - 4 a special event from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on both
  - 5 March 13th and 14th --
  - 6 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
  - Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) -- to be authorized by you?
    - MS. MARSAW: Objection.
  - 9 A. So someone approved it. Whomever those
  - 10 signatures are approved that he worked that event.
  - 11 What that event was, I'm not certain. But whoever
  - 12 approved it, approved that he worked that event.
  - 13 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Now, earlier you testified
  - 14 that you ultimately give the last approval after --
  - 15 A. No.
  - 16 Q. Did I misunderstand?
  - 17 A. Yes, I'm sorry. I don't give the last
  - 18 approval because, again, I don't even know what these
  - 19 officers are working.
  - 20 What I do give is my last signature on
  - 21 the forms once they have been reviewed by their
  - 22 supervisors.
  - 23 Q. Okay. So last signature?
  - 24 A. Uh-huh.
  - 25 Q. My question is what is authorized now. My

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1	question is: For you to sign off on an officer to	1	Q. Okay. Do you recall receiving or do you	
	receive pay for a special event, would James Ward or		recall the New Approved Personnel Fee Sheet?	
3	any officer have needed to work a special event for	3	A. Yes.	
4	those hours for which he was receiving pay for a	4	Q. Okay. I'm just going to scroll to the	
5	special event?	5	attachment, or at least I assume that it this was	
6	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	6	attached to that email.	
7	A. If any officer receives pay for an event,	7	A. Okay.	
8		8	Q. Do you recall receiving the personnel fee	
9	strictly prohibit dishonesty on events. No one is	9	sheet in 2017?	
10	going to not work an event or not or get paid for	10	A. I do.	
11	an event not worked. I'm very vigilant about that.	11	Q. From Shannon Broussard?	
12	They know that we have integrity when it comes to	12	A. Yes.	
13	working events.	13	Q. All right. So Shannon Broussard sent a	
14	And so our motto was TSU, you know,	14	personnel fee sheet to you, and it looks like a	
15	they're going to be tired of seeing us, because we	15	number of other individuals.	
16	are going to always be vigilant.	16	Do you know who these individuals are	
17	So if an officer said they worked this		that also received it the email?	
18	particular event that you're saying and a supervisor	18	A. From the names on there	
19	had signed off on that, then I expected honesty to go	19	Q. Yes, do you	
20	up the chain of command that by the time it gets to	20	A yes. It seems like it was	
21	me for my signature that they've already approved	21	Q know who these people are?	
22	everything, and it just needs my signature so that	22	A. I'm sorry, go ahead.	
		23	Q. I'm sorry too. Do you know these	
24	Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. In other words,		individuals listed here?	
	if you had knowledge that Officer Ward had not	25	A. When you say "do I know them," are you	
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1		1	asking so do I know the positions that they held, or	
	approved it?		do I just recognize the name?	
3	A. Absolutely.	3	Q. I guess the positions. Do you know their	
4	Q. Okay.	4	positions?	
5	A. Nor would any other officer.	5	A. Yes. So it was the special event	
6	Q. All right. All right. I'm going to share		coordinator for the university, the CFO of the	
7			university, my assistant chief, my timekeeper, my	
8	MR. KEENEY: Bear with me, I'm sorry.	8	department business administrator.	
	•		The again, those three names, the	
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10	THE WITNESS: No, you're fine.  O (RY MR_KEENEY) Okay. Are you familiar.	10	Shaw Ellis Sims they all worked in student events	
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23 deciding factor on the fees.

Q. I see.

A. Yes, sir. The personnel that would be the

A. When the new fees came about. Because, I

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25 I received it.

A. It shows that I received it. Now, if I

23 remember it or not, but that -- I see where it says

24 "To," and I see my name highlighted, so it shows that

- 1 think, when I got there they were in the process of
- 2 recreating fee sheets, because, as you know, police
- 3 services are not free.
- 4 Q. Uh-huh.
- 5 A. And so they wanted to come up with a new fee
- 6 service for the police department, and this is what
- 7 you're seeing.
- Q. All right. So the fee sheet that I'm
- 9 looking at here, it lists -- it lists police
- 10 officers, but it also lists a number of other
- 11 positions.

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- So is it fair to say that this personnel
- 13 fee sheet governs not just police officers' pay, but
- 14 non-police officers' pay as well?
  - MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 16 A. So those names that you saw on that email,
- 17 the "To," someone in that area represented each of
- 18 these technical, security, or building and grounds
- 19 support. So there was a supervisor of someone in
- 20 that email.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. So I'm just
- 22 asking, so there's admin, technical support, security
- 23 and traffic control, building and ground support
- 24 services. This fee relates to the pay that police
- 25 officers would receive, as well as the pay that

- 1 pay to any individual who works these positions,
  - 2 regardless of whether or not that person is a police
  - 3 officer or a non-police officer?
  - A. Within the scope of what they do and what --
  - 5 who they are. So you can't be an electrician and
  - 6 then want to get police officers' pay.
  - 7 Q. I understand that.
  - 8 A. Okay.
  - 9 Q. So if an electrician wanted to work an event
  - 10 at TSU, this is the fee sheet that they would look to
  - 11 see how much they would get paid?
  - 12 A. The electrician, that says 25 an hour, yes.
  - 13 Q. Okay, thank you.
  - 14 A. Uh-huh.
  - 15 Q. Is there any other purpose that this fee
  - 16 sheet serves?
  - 17 A. So this is the fee sheet that's used when
  - 18 they are working special events, when they are
  - 19 working events at TSU. So this the a special event
  - 20 sheet.
  - 21 Q. Okay. Was Shannon Broussard in your chain
  - 22 of command at the TSU Police Department?
  - 23 A. No, Shannon Broussard was over event
  - 24 services.

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25 Q. All right. Wherever a TSU police officer

- non-police officers would receive.
- 2 Do you agree -- am I interpreting this
- 3 correctly?
- 4 A. Yes. But I just wanted to caution you that
- 5 there are administrative positions in the police
- 6 department that can also work those technical support
- 7 services positions. So, yeah. So although they are
- 8 assigned to the police department, they can still
- 9 qualify to work those things, such as an usher, a
- 10 ticket taker, and things of that sort. But they were
- 11 assigned to the police department.
- 12 Q. So is it your testimony that the personnel
- 13 fee sheet is the one that is used only by the police
- 14 department, or is this same sheet, to your knowledge,
- 15 used by other departments at TSU as well?
- 16 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 17 A. I think that the sheet says that it is for
- 18 Texas Southern University Event Services. So any
- 19 event that requires the uses of any of those
- 20 particular personnel that you see down there, this
- 21 fee is for that.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) I see. So this is a TSU
- 23 event services personnel fee sheet --
- 24 A. Yes
- 25 Q. -- that dictates what event services will

- 1 submits their time sheets for internal review to
  - 2 their supervisors, their weekly -- what we saw in
  - 3 Appendix C -- their weekly payroll sheets, do they

- 4 have to include a copy of this personnel fee sheet?
- 5 A. No. Typically, the timekeeper knows what
- 6 the fees are.
- 7 Q. So they -- okay. So they do not submit the
- 8 personnel fee sheet to the timekeeper, and, I believe
- 9 we said earlier, that was Ms. Scruggs at the time.
- 10 So they -- they do not --
- 11 A. No. Ms. Scruggs wasn't my timekeeper at the
- 12 time. Angelle Whitfield, the name that you see, the
- 13 two -- remember Ms. Scruggs never worked in my
- 14 department.
- 15 Q. Uh-huh.
- 16 A. She just assisted us because we didn't have
- 17 a timekeeper.
- 18 Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about just the time
- 19 period where --
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. -- Ms. Scruggs was timekeeper.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. So in 2022, if an officer is submitting to
- 24 their supervisor their weekly payroll sheet, is there
- 25 any requirement that they attach a copy of this

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1 pe	ersonnel fee sheet to the supervisor or to the	1	already predestined, and these are the amounts that
2 tim	nekeeper?	2	we are to use for any event.
3	A. No.	3	And so that's helping you, if you
1	Q. And I'm just getting that from this email	4	understand why that sheet was in there, because it's
5 he	ere, it says, "Please attach a copy to all time	5	letting you know that that's why.
sh	neets submitted to the Budget and/or HR office."	6	Q. Uh-huh.
7	So when she's referring to time sheets	7	A. It's only for a special occasion, as we see
B su	bmitted to the budget and/or HR office, do you	8	with the asterisk. In order to get a special
) kn	now, is she referring to the weekly payroll sheets,	9	occasion fee, that has to be approved by normally,
or	is she referring to something else?	10	it's the vice president or the CFO.
1	A. So Shannon Broussard, he, is referring to	11	Q. Okay. I that's what you were referring
2 wł	nen the timekeeper submits all the paperwork and	12	to earlier when you said there were special and
3 ev	verything has been signed off by that particular	13	special-specials?
4 de	epartment, then the fee sheet goes with that, so	14	A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
5 tha	at they so that HR can see what event was worked	15	Q. Okay.
an	nd how they can make certain that it matches the	16	A. Uh-huh, okay.
7 tin	ne that that person put in for.	17	Q. And did inflation have any impact 2017 to
3	Q. I see. So do all of those weekly payroll	18	2022, or were these the same rates?
) sh	neets need to be submitted to budget or HR?	19	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
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	A. I don't know how the timekeeper submits the	21	Q. Okay.
2 re	ports to HR or budget. All I know is that it's	22	MR. KEENEY: All right. Well, with
3 su	ıbmitted by our timekeeper.	23	that, let's take 30 minutes and come back after
4	Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) I see. So after it goes	24	lunch.
5 thi	rough the supervisors and it goes through the TPS	25	THE WITNESS: Okay.
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1 before, yes.

2 Q. And when did she make that statement?

3 A. When I first had a conversation with her,

- 4 our first outing. She invited me to a lunch. It was
- 5
- on a Sunday, and her first comment to me was she just
- wanted to kind of get to know who I was, because
- 7 she's never worked with female police officers
- before, especially a female police chief. And she
- preferred working for a male police chief than a
- 10 female police chief.
- 11 She's had like six institutions, and I
- 12 was the first that had a female police chief.
- 13 Q. Were there any other individuals present
- 14 when she made that statement?
- 15 A. No. It was just she and I at lunch.
- 16 Q. Did she say anything else after she made
- that statement? 17
- A. There were several topics being discussed. 18
- 19 She talked about, again, her previous institutions.
- This was like the icebreaker for us, because she and 20
- 21 I had never had a one-on-one conversation.
- 22 When she got there in July of 2022 --
- 23 2021, I'm sorry -- 2021, it was immediately on the
- ground for her. You know, we had just gotten over
- 25 COVID, and so she was trying to put together this

- that meeting that, in your understanding, explained
- why she felt that way?
- A. No. I've been a police officer long enough
- to know how females are discriminated against. I
- hear that so often, that people prefer males over
- females. So I hear that often.
- 7 She just kind of said it, and I was in
- shock because, here I am; this is my supervisor, my
- first time in a true encounter with her, for her to
- say it like that. And, again, that's -- that
- happens. That happens. And when she said it, it
- 12 bothered me. But, I mean, I have a job to do, and
- 13 she has a job to do.
- 14 Q. Apart from that meeting, did she ever say
- 15 that to you any other time, that she favored or
- 16 preferred male police officers?
- 17 A. I think from that meeting her actions showed
- 18 it, and what I mean by her actions showing it, I
- think she undermined my authority. I don't think; I 19
- 20 know she undermined my authority a lot.
- 21 She would ask my male counterparts, male
- 22 police chiefs from other states, male police chiefs
- 23 in the state and in the city, she would ask them
- questions on answers on what I've already given her.
- And so I felt at that moment that she undermined my

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- 1 university that had been broken through COVID and all
- the other things. So it wasn't until that particular
- luncheon on a Sunday that she and I had a
- conversation. That was our first conversation.
- 5 Q. Okay. And this, you said, was July 2021?
- 6 A. No. That's when she arrived at TSU, in July of 2021. I'm not certain when our luncheon was. It
- could have been September or so.
- Q. Okay. Did she ever tell you why she
- 10 preferred or favored male police officers in that
- 11 meeting?
- 12 A. The very first meeting we had, her exact
- 13 words to me was, she has never worked with a female
- police chief before. She prefers to work with male 14
- police chiefs and male officers. She never said why. 15
- She just said she preferred to work with male police 16
- 17 chiefs and male officers.
- Q. Okay. And did she give you any other 18
- 19 context for that statement?
- 20 MS. MARSAW: Objection.
- 21 A. When you mean "any other context"...
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) You said she didn't give
- you any reason, but did she ever -- apart from
- 24 explicitly saying why she had that belief, did she
- ever give you any examples or other information in

- authority and didn't take what I said as a female
  - police chief with any seriousness to it because she

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- wanted to hear from the male police chief.
- 4 Q. Okav.
- 5 MR. KEENEY: I'll just -- I'm trying to
- be very narrow, so I'll object to the nonresponsive
- portion of that.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) But I'm specifically asking,
- did she ever say, at any other point, that she
- favored male police officers or favored -- or
- 11 preferred male police officers?
- A. The very first meeting we ever had one on 12
- 13 one, she said she preferred male police chiefs and
- 14 male police officers over female police chiefs and
- 15 female police officers.
- 16 Q. Apart from that meeting, was there any other
- 17 time that she made that statement or a similar
- 18 statement?
- 19 A. Aside from that meeting, there were other
- small innuendos that resulted to her statement by her
- 21 actions. I remember one time we were on -- I don't
- 22 know if you have ever been on the campus of Texas
- Southern University, but there is a Tiger Walk. And
- she made the statement that, "There is only going to
- be one powerful Young that works on this campus."

1 Q. When did she make that statement?

- 2 A. This is after our first meeting in whatever
- 3 month that was and maybe toward the end of 2021. I
- 4 don't have an exact date, but she made that statement
- 5 to me.
- 6 Q. Was any other individual present when she
- 7 made that statement?
- 8 A. I'm certain there were other people around
- 9 when she made the statement. I don't have the exact
- 10 names of who was around when she made that statement,
- 11 but there were clearly other people around.
- 12 Q. So this was in public, are you saying?
  - A. Yeah, it's the thoroughfare of the
- 14 university that's called the Tiger Walk.
- Q. Do you know if anyone heard her make that
- 16 statement?

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- 17 A. There were others around. I just don't have
- 18 the names, and it's -- again, this has been two and a
- 19 half years for me.
- 20 Q. Right. That's okay.
- 21 A. Okay. And so, yeah, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. You said that she asked others about
- 23 your policing recommendations or policing advice. Is
- 24 that correct?
- 25 A. No. What I said was, she would call my

- 1 Officer Norris Isaac, and I'm trying to see if there
  - 2 were any other male officers and police chiefs that
  - 3 she called.
  - 4 But those were the ones -- the main ones
  - 5 that she called and would ask for their opinions
  - 6 about certain things, as opposed to what I would say
  - 7 or suggest.
  - 8 Q. Do you recall any specific recommendations
  - 9 that you made that she called another officer to get
  - 10 their opinion on?
  - 11 A. I recall a very specific recommendation
  - 12 where she called another chief, which is Chief
  - 13 Finner, but that's not the first time she's called
  - 14 Chief Finner. I'm just giving you one that I clearly
  - 15 remember, because this was a very difficult time on
  - 16 campus.
  - 17 We had a student that accidentally shot
- 18 another student, playing with a gun. And as the
- 19 investigation was unfolding, the best thing at that
- 20 time was to allow the district attorney's office to
- 21 take over the case, as opposed to any agency putting
- 22 any of the kids in jail, because we needed the
- 23 district attorney's office to really make that
- 24 judgment, because one student was saying this
- 25 happened, and another student was saying that was

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- 1 counterparts that are male police chiefs and male
- 2 police officers and ask them questions based on the
- 3 answer I had already given her to the question that
- 4 she asked.
- 5 So she wanted their response as opposed
- 6 to the response I had given, which was, in turn, the
- 7 same response.
- 8 Q. Did she tell you that she had called other
- 9 police chiefs to ask about their recommendations?
- 10 A. Not only did she tell me, I had two of the
- 11 police chiefs call me to ask me what was going on.
- 12 Q. And what were the names of those police
- 13 chiefs who called you?
- 14 A. From the Houston Police Department, it was
- 15 Chief Troy Finner, and at Tennessee State University,
- 16 he's -- he's deceased now, but it was the emergency
- 17 management, Mr. Williams.
- 18 Now, I also held the position as
- 19 emergency manager at Texas Southern University, aside
- 20 from chief of police.
- 21 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any other male
- 22 officer that she called to ask for their
- 23 recommendations?
- 24 A. Absolutely. My assistant chief,
- 25 Frederick Brown; Sergeant Barnett, Darren Barnett;

- 1 happening.
  - 2 So I agreed with district attorney's
  - 3 office to let it go through the DA's office as
  - 4 opposed to an agency handling it, and she didn't like
  - 5 my suggestion on that.
  - 6 And because she did not like my
  - 7 suggestion on that, she contacted the Houston Police
  - 8 Department's Chief of Police, asked him should an
  - 9 agency take over this case or should the district
  - 10 attorney's office take over this case?
  - 11 And the chief told her, the male chief
  - 12 told her, "No, the district attorney's office should
  - 13 take over this case, based on what you all are saying
  - 14 that happened and based on what the student is saying
  - 15 happened."
  - 16 And the police chief, the male police
  - 17 chief, that works for the Houston Police Department,
  - 18 the same agency I came from under, told her the exact
  - 19 same words in the exact same way, and she said, "Oh,
  - 20 that's great news to hear." But I had just told her
  - 21 the same exact thing in the same exact way, but she
  - 22 relied on him, and preferred the way he said it and
  - 23 preferred -- because he said it, it was okay.
  - And she didn't tell me she had contacted
  - 25 him. He called me. And when he told her that he was

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going to contact me, she then approached me and said,

- 2 "Oh, Chief Young, I spoke with Chief Finner." I
- 3 said, "Yes, I know. He told me." And so she said,
- "Oh, he told you?" I said, "Yes, ma'am."
- 5 Q. Okay. So how often would you say this
- 6 occurred where Ms. Crumpton-Young would call a male
- 7 officer or male chief and ask their opinion?
  - A. This was a continuous -- this was a
- 9 continuous thing, a continuous conversation.
- 10 I can recall the time -- my assistant
- 11 chief is a male. Frederick Brown is a male. I
- 12 remember being in a meeting with her, and I would say
- 13 something -- it can be on any topic -- and she would
- ignore it, the information that I had given her. 14
- 15 I would then tell Fred Brown, "Hey, you
- repeat it to her." He repeated exactly what I said, 16
- and she said, "Oh, Deputy Chief, that's a great 17
- idea." He would look at me, I would look at him, and 18
- I would just shake my head. This happened all the 19
- time when I was in the room with the deputy chief and 20
- 21 the president.
- Q. Did Ms. Crumpton-Young ever expressly tell 22
- 23 you that she would reject your recommendations unless
- it had approval for the endorsement of a male 24
- officer?

- A. She did not. She mentioned it to
  - Sergeant Barnett why she did not like the female
  - captain, and he related the message and said, "The
  - president does not like the captain."
  - Q. Okay. Did Ms. Crumpton-Young instruct you
  - 6 to tell her whether or not a male officer had
  - 7 approved your proposals?
    - A. Say that again.
    - Q. Did Ms. Crumpton-Young instruct you to tell
  - her, to advise her, whether or not a male officer had
  - approved your proposals? When you were giving her
  - 12 proposals, did she instruct you to tell her whether
  - 13 or not that proposal was approved by a male? 14
    - MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
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  - 16 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. And you -- you've
  - mentioned a few names. Can you just list for me the
  - names of the out-of-state male police officials that
  - you're aware of or that you believe Ms. Crumpton-Young
  - called in order to ask for their opinion on your
  - recommendations or advice?
  - 22 A. So I don't have the exact name, but all the
  - dispatch calls are recorded. So you can -- I don't
  - 24 remember. It was in 2021, when she got there.
  - 25 So Tennessee State University Police

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- MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. 1
- 2 A. Repeat that question.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Did Ms. Crumpton-Young ever
- tell you that she would reject your recommendations 4
- unless they were endorsed or approved by a male?
- A. I think it was obvious, based on her
- actions, that she preferred male opinions over female
- opinions. In that same setting, I remember -- I have
- a female captain. She specifically said that she did
- not like my female captain. Had never had a 10
- 11 conversation with her, had never done anything with
- her, but she specifically said she did not like my 12
- 13 female captain.
- 14 So I tried to protect my female captain
- at all costs, that she wouldn't have any interaction 15
- with her. If she had any questions, any concerns,
- send them to me, and I'll bring them to her 17
- 18 attention.
- So it was obvious. It -- she didn't 19
- 20 have to directly keep saying, "Chief Young, I prefer
- 21 a male chief." Her actions showed me, because every
- time I gave her something, as a female chief, she 22
- relied on the male chief for the answer. 23
- 24 Q. Did she tell you why she did not like your
- 25 female captain?

Department, all of those calls are recorded. So that

- conversation is recorded, and that police chief's
- name is there. I can't recall his name at this
- moment.
- 5 Aside from the Tennessee State Police
- 6 Chief, it was the emergency manager at Tennessee
- 7 State.
- 8 Again, I can't recall their names right
- now, but all of that still is in place, and it's a
- recorded call. Just like all 911 calls and all 10
- 11 police calls are recorded, those calls are recorded.
- And then the university person that she called,
- 13 again, was Chief Finner.
- 14 Q. Are there any other individuals that she
- 15 called that you're aware of?
- 16 A. As far as out of the state and outside of
- TSU, I believe it was just the Tennessee State 17
- University officials that I named, as well as Chief
- Finner with the Houston Police Department. 19
- 20 Q. Okav.
- 21 A. If there are others, I'm not aware. She
  - could have called others, but those are the ones that
- 23 I specifically know.
- Q. All right. So as far as Chief Finner, do
- you know how many times she called Chief Finner to

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1 ask for his opinion on recommendations you had made?

- A. I don't know how many times, but each time
- 3 it was a crucial moment; one time the Homecoming, the
- 4 shooting. I can recall when she first got there and
- 5 she and the chairman of the board of regents at the
- 6 time, Chairman Myres, set a meeting up for me to meet
- 7 Chief Finner

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- 8 Needless did they know, Chief Finner and
- 9 I had known each other for quite some time, and we
- 10 worked in the same department. And so there was no
- 11 need to introduce me to him nor him to be introduced
- 12 to me, because we knew each other, and we knew how
- 13 professional development and things were with inside
- 14 our agencies.
- 15 So to have that meeting, I thought, was
- 16 very peculiar. He called me afterwards and said he
- 17 didn't understand why we had to meet, but, according
- 18 to the chairman, and this is the chairman's words to
- 19 me, the president wanted us to meet, myself and Chief
- 20 Finner, so that I can see what the Houston Police
- 21 Department was doing and if I can implement some of
- 22 those things -- if some of those things can be
- 23 implemented at Texas Southern.
- 24 Q. Okay. You mentioned these were some crucial
- 25 moments that you're aware of where she asked for

- 1 A. I am. I remember -- like I said, I remember
  - 2 that time particularly because I said, "Madam
  - 3 President," because that was another thing, she
  - 4 wanted to be called "Madam President." "Madam
  - 5 President, you may want to remove that Tennessee
  - 6 State number and put in the TSU number in case of a

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- 7 true emergency."
  - Because I don't remember what the
- 9 emergency was, why she called the chief, but whatever
- 10 it was, when she realized that it was not me, and
- 11 then when I called to confirm that she was trying to
- 12 contact the police -- because Tennessee State Police
- 13 Department actually called our department because of
- 14 a recorded conversation, and that's how I realized
- 15 that she was trying to contact -- that she had
- 16 contacted TSU.
- 17 And so she says, "Oh, oh, again, I'm
- 18 just so used to talking to the men. I keep
- 19 forgetting I have a female police chief."
  - Q. Did she say that to you?
- 21 A. Her words were, "Oh, I keep forgetting that
- 22 I have a female police chief."
- 23 Q. Okay. Now, if you could just give me an
- 24 approximate number, use your best guess, how many
- 25 times she called other police officers outside of

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- 1 Chief Finner's opinion. Do you have an approximate
- 2 number of times?
- 3 A. I don't know the number of times. I just
- 4 remember some of the moments that stand out. Like I
- 5 said, Homecoming, the death of one of the students,
- 6 the luncheon, and I'm certain there were other times.
- 7 These are the ones that I just recall now.
- 8 Q. Okay. And for the Tennessee State official,
- 9 did Ms. Crumpton-Young call both of them for the same
- 10 events or issues, or are you aware?
- A. I'm not aware if they both were called for
- 12 the same event or the same issue. I just know both
- 13 of them were contacted by her.
- 14 Q. Okay. And if you had to approximate, do you
- 15 know about how many times or how frequently this
- 16 would have occurred?
- 17 A. I don't have that number. I remember when I
- 18 approached her about Tennessee State, her response to
- 19 me was -- in her phone she has the word, "TSU
- 20 Police," and so she thought she was contacting me,
- 21 but she was contacting the TSU police chief.
- 22 Q. Okay. So there was one -- at least one
- 23 instance where she called the TSU official.
- 24 Are you aware of more than one instance
- 25 where she called the TSU official?

1 TSU.

- 2 A. I don't know the approximate number. I just
- 3 know the ones, the Tennessee State Police Department,
- 4 Tennessee State Emergency Manager, and Houston
- 5 Police. If there were others, I'm not aware. And I
- 6 don't remember the number of times she may have
- 7 contacted each of those individuals that I just
- 8 named.
- 9 Q. Okay. Just -- I'm just asking about the
- 10 ones you're aware of, though.
- 11 If you could tell me about how many
- 12 you're aware of. If you could count the number that
- 13 you're aware of.
- 14 A. Count the number of individuals or the
- 15 number of times?
- 16 Q. No, the number of times she called an
- 17 individual outside of TSU.
- 18 A. I really don't know the number because I can
- 19 say she contacted the Houston Police Chief at least
- 20 on three or four occasions, but it could have been
- 21 ten. So I don't -- I don't want to just give a
- 22 number because I'm not accurate on how many times. I
- 23 just know it was more than once, and I know it was
- 24 because they were male police chiefs, and she wanted
- 25 to value their opinion over mine.

1 Q. Okay.

2 MR. KEENEY: Well, I'm just asking for

3 the numbers, so I'll object to the nonresponsive

- portion of that response.
- Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) But just the ones you're 5
- 6 aware of, three or four you're aware of. Are there
- 7 more than three or four that you're aware of?
- A. Are there more than three or four times that
- 9 she contacted the Houston Police Chief?
- 10 Q. The Houston Chief or the TSU -- Tennessee
- 11 State University Official and --
- 12 A. I don't want to --
- 13 Q. -- you can finish that --
- 14 A. I don't want to make up a number and just
- 15 make a -- and throw a number out there. I don't have
- 16 an exact number of times. I know it was more than
- once, and I know it was strictly and primarily
- because she wanted to know what their opinion was 18
- 19 based on something.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Nonresponsive.
- Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) But -- I think we can move 22
- 23 on, but I'm not asking you how many actually, just
- how many you're aware of. So I think I have your
- answer now. So that's okay, we can --

- 1 president.
- 2 So those were -- those officers that --

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- would have to drive her to various locations to or
- from home, to an event or something of that sort, a
- luncheon, a dinner or something. So all of those
- male names that I gave you all had contact with her,
- whether it was driving a golf cart, driving a
- vehicle, walking on the campus, or something of that.
- 9 Q. Okay. For -- we'll start with
- 10 Sergeant Barnett.
- 11 For Sergeant Barnett, what matters did
- 12 Sergeant Barnett tell you that President Crumpton-Young
- 13 had asked for his opinion on?
- 14 A. So with Sergeant Barnett, it is -- it's very
- 15 lengthy with Sergeant Barnett, because he was not her
- original driver. We had a driver for her, a male,
- 17 but she preferred Sergeant Barnett.
- 18 One of the things I remember Sergeant
- Barnett mentioning, that when he took the president 19
- 20 to get an alteration on her dress, that she made
- 21 mention that this is really not the style of clothing
- that she prefers. She's doing this because, of
- course, she has to, based on the position that she's
- 24 in and that she needed to get this style of clothing.
  - She also told him that -- what was his

- A. Okay. 1
- 2 Q. Are you aware of any instance where
- 3 President Crumpton-Young called a TSU male officer to
- ask for that officer's opinion on policing matters?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell me who Ms. Crumpton-Young
- called?
- A. She would -- she often called Sergeant 8
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- 10 Q. Are there any other individuals you're aware
- 11 of that Ms. Crumpton-Young called to ask for their
- opinion at TSU? 12
- 13 A. I'm pretty sure Sergeant Brown,
- 14 Officer Norris Isaac, Officer -- Sergeant Ivan Jones,
- and my Assistant Chief Frederick Brown. 15
- Q. And how did you become aware that she had 16
- 17 called each of these individuals?
- A. Because they would tell me. They would say, 18
- 19 "Madam President asked me this. Madam President
- 20 called to say this. Madam President asked me this."
- Q. Okay. And can you tell me approximately how 22 many times or how frequently that occurred?
- A. That was very frequent. Those guys -- the 23
- 24 names that I gave you of those males that I gave
- you -- were all doing executive detail work with the

- opinion on the dress that she had to wear and what
  - was his opinion on whether or not she should be the
  - commencement speaker for December and what was his
  - opinion on a particular individual that was in the
  - 5 community.

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- 6 So she relied on his opinion for several
- 7 things. Even she mentioned to me that she relied on
- Sergeant Barnett for a lot of things.
- Q. Okay. Apart from those items you mentioned,
- 10 are there any other issues you're aware of that
- 11 President Crumpton-Young asked for Darnett -- I'm
- sorry, Darren Barnett's opinion on? 12
- 13 A. Yes. Specifically, dealing with her
- 14 children. She -- it was a time when she thought her
- 15 daughter was missing, and she contacted Sergeant
- Barnett really late at night so he can go to help her
- find her daughter. 17
- 18 She didn't contact 911 or the police;
- she specifically called Sergeant Barnett and wanted 19
- him to help kind of navigate through the city so she
- 21 can locate her daughter.
- 22 There were -- there were times when she
- asked Sergeant Barnett's opinion about a particular
- event that was happening on campus, and he gave her
- his opinion on that.

Case 4:23-cv-03888 106 So there were multiple things. I don't 1 opinion about those things. 2 have anything in front of me to outline exactly 2 Q. Okay. Were -- you mentioned some other 3 everything that she relied on Sergeant Barnett for. 3 individuals on her -- on Ms. Crumpton-Young's 4 But I know when it came to our police department, she security detail. Apart from the issues, the matters 5 asked him questions about our department, about the that you have already mentioned that she asked for number of officers that worked there; how many did we Barnett's opinion on, are there any other issues that 7 need; what was going on in our department; the things you're aware of that Ms. Crumpton-Young asked for that you would think you would ask the supervisor of these other individuals' opinions on? 9 9 the department, the female, but she did not. She MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. 10 10 asked everyone except me. A. Again, she would -- she would rely on -- if 11 Q. You said everyone except you. Are you -she had a question and there were two officers 12 you mentioned that these individuals were on her standing in front, one male, one female, she would ask the male officer, and the male officer would give 13 security detail. Is that right? 14 A. Yes, that's what I meant by the "everyone," his opinion. She would not look at the female 15 I'm sorry. 15 officer. 16 16 Q. That's okay. That's fine. The guys that I mentioned that was on 17 And you said she asked for Mr. -- or her detail were all males, except we had a female, 17 Sergeant Barnett's opinion on I think it was a but she never really relied on the female. 18 university event. Do you know what event or what 19 So to answer your question, there were 19 20 20 opinion she was asking for? other male officers who she relied on their opinion 21 21 A. I'm not certain. It could be anything from for things. 22 a visitor coming on campus for Homecoming, anything. 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Are you aware of any 23 You have to understand, this is the 23 instance where Ms. Crumpton-Young did rely on the 24 president of the university, the most powerful person 24 female officer's opinion, or asked for it? on the campus, asking a less qualified officer his 25 A. Not at all.

107 109 1 opinion about what's going on on the campus as it Q. Okay. Did you at any point start giving

2 pertains to safety, visitors coming, any type of

3 event.

4 She's asking that officer, the male

5 officer, that information. She does not come to me,

the female police chief who's qualified, who's 6

educated, who understands, who's knowledgeable. She

does not come to me with these questions. She goes 8

to Sergeant Barnett.

10 Q. And you said "safety" specifically. Did

11 Darren Barnett tell you that she had asked --

12 Ms. Crumpton-Young, I mean, had asked for his opinion

13 on safety?

14 A. Yes. So when I -- when I talk about safety,

I'm talking about the overall safety of our 15

university. Where there's cameras? Are they

17 working? The gates, are they working properly?

Security, are they inside the dorms? Things of that 18

19 sort.

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20 How are the students feeling? Are they

21 safe to walk back and forth on the streets of that --

something like that. Do we have anything in place to prevent people coming on campus? How are our thefts 23

24 going? Do we have any thefts? Do we have any sexual

assaults? Yes, she would ask Sergeant Barnett his

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2 suggested policing strategies to other male officers

3 to communicate to President Crumpton-Young?

4 A. Suggested policing strategies?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. I'm not -- I'm not understanding your

7 question.

8 Q. Did you give any policing recommendations,

or suggested policies to a male officer to

communicate on your behalf to President

11 Crumpton-Young?

12 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.

13 A. Yes.

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Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Which policies or 14

strategies or recommendations did you give to another

16 officer to communicate to Crumpton-Young?

MS. MARSAW: Objection --

A. My assistant chief, Frederick Brown.

19 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Any other officer

20 that you asked to communicate your policies?

21 A. I wouldn't have officers go to the president

22 on policies and procedures. I would take care of

that myself, because she's my supervisor, and I would

talk to my assistant chief.

25 Again, we would be in meetings, and I

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1 could have a conversation -- we would be in

- 2 conversation, and I could suggest something to
- 3 President Crumpton-Young, and it would literally go
- 4 over her head.
- 5 Deputy Chief Brown will say the same
- 6 exact thing, and she would say, "That's an awesome
- 7 idea. Thank you, Chief Brown."
- 8 Q. And that's --
- 9 A. -- and he and I would look at each other --
- Q. Uh-huh.
- 11 A. -- and I would shake my head.
- 12 Q. In those meetings then, did you ask
- 13 Deputy Chief Brown to communicate your recommendation
- 14 or opinion to Crumpton-Young?
- 15 A. Yes. I said, "Listen, you are going to have
- 16 to talk, because she accepts everything that you say.
- 17 I'm going to tell you what to say; you repeat it."
- 18 Yeah, that's in his sworn statement. He will tell
- 19 you that himself.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you make any requests to the
- 21 president that she direct policing matters to you?
- 22 A. I did. I -- but it's not the way you just
- 23 put it.
- 24 Q. Okay. How would you phrase it?
- 25 A. Yeah. So I asked the president, if

- 1 before that time, a text message would come through
  - 2 and say, "Oh, could they come at 11:00?" And so now

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- 3 I'm having to make some adjustments to officers'
- 4 schedules, trying to find if an officer is available
- 5 or someone available.
  - And so I asked her, along with her
- 7 executive -- at the time she had an executive
- 8 director, Ms. Harper, and I said -- and it's in text
- 9 messages, I believe, or emails in the president's
- 10 email -- "If we can respect the authority that I have
- 11 as the chief of police, could we please alleviate the
- 12 conversation to the officers and direct everything to
- 13 me? Therefore, I can give you the proper answer and
- 14 the proper notifications to make certain that
- 15 everything that you're requesting goes as planned."
- 16 So I said that on multiple occasions.
- 17 Q. Multiple, okay. So you said it multiple
- 18 occasions with respect to this issue?
- 19 A. No, period.
  - Q. Any other issue --
- 21 A. It was on everything. It was on everything.
- 22 Q. All right. Did Ms. Crumpton-Young ever --
- 23 did she ever tell you directly that she would rely on
- 24 a male's advice or endorsement over your advice?
- 25 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Asked and

- 1 possible, could she allow me to give her information
- 2 pertaining to the department.
- 3 Q. And when you made that statement -- I'm just
- 4 trying to understand the context of that request.
- 5 So when did you make it? When did you say that?
- A. So I'm not certain if you're familiar with
- 7 what university presidents do, but oftentimes they
- B are the face of the university, and they have to go
- 9 various places.
- 10 And so as she was traveling to various
- 11 places in the city, it would be at certain times she
- 12 wanted the officers to be there. So that's the time
- 13 that we have to make certain our officers are
- 14 available, because officers work on different shifts.
- 15 I didn't have like a particular squad where all they
- 16 did was presidential work. The department is not
- 17 made for that.
- 18 The police department is actually for
- 19 the safety of the students. It was not just
- 20 comprised of a presidential detail. That's just an
- 21 added incentive for officers to do outside work, but
- 22 still within the scope of their job.
- 23 Q. Uh-huh.
- 24 A. And so an example would be at 8:00 a.m. --
- 25 "Have an officer at 8:00 a.m.," and then 30 minutes

- 1 answered.
  - 2 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) You can answer.
  - 3 A. Oh. Again, the very first meeting we had
  - 4 one on one, her words were, she preferred male
  - 5 officers, because she's never worked with a female
  - 6 police chief before. So she relies and prefer male
  - 7 police chiefs and male police officers. She said
  - 8 that. She said that.
  - 9 Q. I understand, and my question was a bit more
  - 10 narrow. I was just asking if she directly said she
  - 11 would rely on males' advice or endorsements, over
  - 12 your advice?
  - 13 A. She said she preferred a male police chief
  - 14 and a male officer over a female police chief. I'm a
  - 15 female.
  - 16 Q. Uh-huh.
  - 17 A. I can only give you my advice based on the
  - 18 knowledge that I have. The only -- the only problem
  - 19 that I have is that I -- the genders are different.
  - 20 I'm the female that's giving you the same advice that
  - 21 you're asking for the male advice.
  - 22 Q. Well, okay. Maybe I'm -- maybe I'm confused
  - 23 with that last part, because did --
  - 24 A. Okay. Maybe I'm misunderstanding your
  - 25 question, I'm sorry. Let me -- let me --

114 116 Q. No, it's, okay. No. Thank you for saying, I saw that she consistently relied on 2 you know, for asking. If you're -- if you're 2 Sergeant Barnett on a lot of things. When he's --3 confused, just let me know. 3 when he's off of work, he would come on campus and, 4 But, no, I'm asking -- so the meeting you know, kind of be inside the suite at the 5 that you referred to earlier when you first met with 5 basketball games with her. Crumpton-Young and she said that she preferred -- did I remember him telling me that she had 7 she use the term "male," or was she -- did she invited him to a couple of the Rockets games and things of that sort. explicitly say the names of other officers? 9 9 MS. MARSAW: I'm sorry, you guys. My So I just needed to make certain that he 10 internet broke out. I didn't -- can you repeat the understood at work, that when you're at work, you're 11 question, Joseph? at work, and so these -- this type of conduct cannot 12 MR. KEENEY: Vanessa, would you mind 12 be shown as such. 13 reading it back? 13 And so I just wanted to assure him that 14 THE REPORTER: Okay. So the meeting -he doesn't have to do these things, because to me, as 15 can y'all hear me okay? his supervisor, I felt like he was doing these things 16 MR. KEENEY: Yes. because he was forced to do these things, and I 17 THE REPORTER: "So the meeting that you wanted to make certain to let him know that you don't 18 have to do these things. 18 referred to earlier when you first met with Crumpton-Young and she said that she preferred -- did 19 Certainly, you don't have to take her to 19 20 she use the term 'male,' or was she -- did she 20 the hair dresser or beauty shop and things of that 21 explicitly say the names of other officers?" place. I just wanted him to know that he didn't have 22 A. No, she did not give any names. She to do those things, but I felt that he was forced to 23 specifically said, "I prefer working with male police 23 do those things and that those things were making him 24 chiefs, male police officers," because she has never a little uncomfortable, so I wanted to kind of talk 25 worked with a female police chief. Those were her to him about these things. 115 117 1 exact words. She didn't give a name. She had only Q. Okay. 1 2 been there -- I had only met her a couple of times. 2 A. If that answers your question. That was our very first meeting. She had only been 3 Q. Yes, I think so. on the campus as the university president maybe four 4 Did you tell him that there was 5 or five months or so. 5 something inappropriate about what he was doing? 6 Q. Okay. 6 A. Oh, absolutely. I don't know if I used the 7 A. If not -- if not even that long. word "inappropriate" or I used the word that it was 8 Q. Okay, thank you. things that were "not becoming of an officer," and it 9 A. Okay. wasn't professional. So I wanted to render back the professional look of our department. So, yes, I had 10 Q. All right. We've talked about Darren 10 11 Barnett. 11 a conversation with him on that. 12 Now, did you ever confront or speak with 12 Q. Okay. Did you believe or did you -- do you 13 Darren Barnett regarding his relationship with have any knowledge that Darren Barnett and President President Crumpton-Young? 14 14 Crumpton-Young were engaged romantically? 15 A. I'm trying to make certain I answer your 15 A. I didn't know anything about the romantic question correctly, because I met with Sergeant part of the involvement until once this investigation Barnett on more than one occasion about President started, when officers started saying that, "Oh, you 17 Crumpton-Young. I kind of remember having a didn't know that, Chief?" or, "Yeah, this happened," conversation with him about the night that I told you 19 or whatever, so I had no knowledge of that. 19 20 she had called him really, really late or something. 20 Q. Okay. Do you recall approximately when you

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21 spoke with Darren Barnett and told him that he was

acting inappropriately or unbecoming of an officer?

A. I addressed the entire detail at some point

23 Do you remember when that conversation occurred?

25 about what I thought was not becoming of an officer,

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things.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. And I wanted him to understand that, as a

police officer, the things that we needed to do and

what's not to be seen as if we're not doing those

1 just the actual department itself, because people

- 2 were on the outside looking in, and they saw some of
- 3 the behavior that the officers were doing, like
- taking her to the grocery store and certain things
- 5 like that.
- 6 But particularly the one that I had a
- 7 conversation with Sergeant Barnett about was the next
- day after the daughter had gone missing and that she
- 9 had called him really, really late at night. And so
- 10 I called him, because I wanted to know where was his
- 11 -- where was his head space at that moment. And I
- 12 asked him like, "Hey, tell me what's going on with
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- 14 His exact words to me were, "Chief, I
- 15 really care about her." And I said, "I think that
- you're in too deep." And his response was, "Yes, I 16
- really care about her." 17
- 18 And so at that moment, I kind of
- figured -- again, didn't have anything concrete about 19
- a romantic relationship, but just those words alone 20
- 21 made me realize that I needed to protect him and keep

were for the department and for the university. And

he wanted to be removed from the president's detail,

and that he wanted to resign in July because it would

I accepted his resignation, but then

maybe -- and my timeline could be wrong when I say

maybe two or three days or a day or two, but soon

resignation because he was told that he would get a

better position somewhere -- or he was told by the --

by the higher -- his words were, he was told by the

higher-ups that he would have a better position or

that talked to Sergeant Barnett and told him to

Q. Who do you understand "the higher-ups" to

A. Well, Regent Price told me he was the person

Now, Regent Price was on the board of

regents at that time. So he told me that he spoke to

after that he asked if I could rescind his

And in his resignation he expressed that

within maybe a week or two later, he gave me his

- his position as an officer. 22
- 23 And so then I told him that I was going
- 24 to probably take him off the detail for a while, just
- so he could understand what his job duties really

- Q. Did Regent Price tell you why he asked
  - 2 Darren Barnett to rescind his resignation?
  - 3 A. He did not tell me why, and I do not believe

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- 4 I asked why because, again, at this moment I don't
- know about anything going on. I have no knowledge
- about anything going on with this -- with this,
- quote/unquote, and I'm using the air quote,
- "anonymous complaint," the one that you showed me
- 9 from Darlene Brown earlier.
- 10 I have no knowledge about an anonymous
- 11 complaint coming in. I also have no knowledge about
- 12 Sergeant Barnett or the president in a romantic
- relationship. I just see the inappropriate -- I see 13
- 14 the actions that are not appropriate for police
- 15 officers.
- 16 And so, again, I don't know of anything
- 17 that Sergeant Barnett or the president have, because
- Sergeant Barnett was dating the basketball coach or
- something. So I don't know about that, and it wasn't 19
- 20 really my business.
- 21 I just wanted to make certain that our
- department was not going to be depicted as a laughing
- 23 stock, when we worked so hard to gain the trust of
- the campus community, the stakeholders that are
- invested in us. I just didn't want anybody to think

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- that we were not professional officers. And so
  - that's why the conversations that I was having with
  - him was those conversations.
  - 4 Q. Okay. I can understand that.
  - 5 Do you have any -- you said "romantic,"
  - but do you have any knowledge that there was any
  - physical -- that there was any physical relationship
  - between Darren Barnett and President Crumpton-Young?
  - A. Again, the knowledge that I had acquired
  - 10 from all of this came through this investigation,
  - 11 through this lawsuit. So I guess the better question
  - would be: Do you have any of the officers that are
  - 13 aware, because they apparently knew more of this than
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  - 15 Q. Okay. So did Darren Barnett, as part of his
  - job on the president's security detail, travel with
  - the president whenever she traveled out of town? 17
  - 18 A. He did.
  - 19 Q. So was that part of his job duties?
    - A. An assignment? He was on an assignment.
  - 21 Q. Okay. Now, I remember reading somewhere
  - that Darren Barnett traveled out of town under the --
  - 23 under the president's husband's name.
  - 24 Do you have any idea what I'm referring
  - 25 to?

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Sergeant Barnett and told Sergeant Barnett to rescind his resignation.

Case 4:23-cv-03888 122 A. Yes, there's -- you should have it in the Q. Did the female officer on the president's 2 email, if you read it from that. It should be in an 2 security detail ever travel with her on assignment 3 email that the president's husband's name was 3 out of town? 4 originally on that ticket, but it was since changed 4 A. No. 5 MR. KEENEY: All right. It's been about 5 over to Sergeant Barnett's name on that same ticket. And that came from, at the time, the 6 an hour. I think we can take a five-minute or president's DBA, which we call department business 7 ten-minute break. 8 administrator, Christina. I can't think of her last MS. MARSAW: Which one do you want, 9 name. Again, I apologize; it's been a couple of 9 Joseph, ten or five? 10 10 MR. KEENEY: Let's do ten. Yeah, that 11 She was the one that made those changes 11 would be great. 12 for the president to put Sergeant Barnett on -- in 12 MS. MARSAW: Okay. We'll be back at that spot instead of the husband. 13 1:42. 13 14 Q. And when you say "spot," what are you 14 THE REPORTER: Okay. Off the record at 15 referring to? What kind of trip was this? 15 1:32. 16 16 A. I'm not certain, but it was -- of course, (Recess 1:32 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.) it's university -- a university trip, but I'm not 17 THE REPORTER: All right. Back on the certain if it was a football game, a basketball game, 18 record at 1:43. or a tournament or the president just traveling on 19 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Before you had the 19 20 business or something. I'm not certain what type of 20 conversation that we were discussing with Darren 21 event it was, but he did go. Barnett, were you aware of any gifts the two of them

23 as a member of her security detail? 23 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. 24 A. Yes, yes. He was a --24 A. When you ask before I was -- before I had 25 Q. Was the -- this was an assignment? the conversation with him? Which conversation?

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had exchanged with one another?

A. He was a -- I'm sorry. 1 2 Q. I was just asking if this was an assignment. 3 I'm sorry to interrupt. 4 A. Yes, he was -- he was the person assigned at 5 that time. 6 Let me back up. The president made it 7 clear that she wanted Sergeant Barnett to be the one to travel with her. 8 9 Q. Uh-huh. 10 A. So that's why he was always -- not always, 11 but he was the main person that was traveling, 12 because she made it clear that she wanted Sergeant 13 Barnett to travel with her. 14 Q. And I -- did other officers at times travel with Ms. Crumpton-Young out of town? 15 16 A. Male officers did travel with her. My 17 assistant chief, Frederick Brown; Sergeant Jones; Officer Norris; Sergeant Brown. 18 19 But I do not recall any of those 20 officers spending nights in the -- have overnight 21 stays. I think that was just like a turnaround; they 22 would go and come back. Maybe it was like to Dallas 23 or Austin or something of that sort. 24 I don't remember them -- it could have.

they could have. I just don't remember right now.

Q. Was he going as part of his responsibilities

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Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) The conversation we were 2 just discussing where you spoke with Mr. Barnett --3 Sergeant Barnett regarding his conduct or 4 professionalism. I'm not sure how you would like to 5 describe it, but you had a conversation with Darren Barnett. I believe, it was after he went to the 7 president's house to assist with the missing 8 daughter. 9 A. Oh, you mean --10 Q. Unless there were other --11 A. -- the last conversation? 12 Q. -- unless there were other conversations? 13 A. You're talking about the conversation when 14 he said that -- that I told him that she couldn't call him at night because she needed to call the police and get a police report, that one, about the 17 daughter? 18 Q. Is that the last -- is that the last 19 conversation that you had about his relationship with 20 President Crumpton-Young before the complaint was 21 filed? 22 A. So remember, I didn't know anything about 23 the relationship.

A. I wanted to, again, protect the integrity of

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Q. Uh-huh.

126 1 how it looked, how officers were being perceived. So

- 2 that's the conversation I had with Sergeant Barnett.
- 3 Q. Right.
- 4 A. And so your question is: Was I aware of
- gifts that he received from the president? 5
- Q. Uh-huh. At that time, did you know of any
- 7 gifts they had exchanged?
- A. I did not. 8
- Q. Okay. Did -- do you know of any instance 9
- 10 where President Crumpton-Young gave gifts to TSU
- Police Officers? 11
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Are you aware of any gifts that --13
- well, has Darren Barnett ever given you a gift? 14
- 15 A. No. Did the department give me a gift for
- my birthday, like every shift? That would be gift --16
- individual gift from an officer or something like
- that, other than a birthday or a Christmas? No. 18
- Q. Other than a birthday or Christmas? Okay. 19
- 20 Did Darren Barnett ever give you a
- 21 birthday or Christmas gift?
- A. If it was, from the shift, but I don't think 22
- 23 personally.
- Q. Okay. So perhaps they -- the shift could 24
- 25 have gone in on a joint gift to you, is that what

- shown in the public and that I needed to at least
- 2 address those issues.
- 3 I was already aware because, like I told
- you, I saw some things that I didn't think was
- 5 becoming of a police officer, and it was not looking
- good for our department.
- 7 So, yes, there were -- there were some
- 8 complaints that came from the board of regents, but I
- 9 tried to address all of those things.
- 10 Q. Uh-huh. Was the board of regents
- 11 complaining about specifically Darren Barnett, or
- 12 were they complaining about more than one member of
- 13 the security detail?
- 14 A. I think it started off with more than one
- 15 because of what was, again, being shown on the
- outside, but I think when it -- when the complaints
- really started being piled on, it may have been
- specifically toward some of the behavior of Sergeant
- Barnett. 19
- 20 Q. Okay. When did this occur? When did the
- TSU Board of Regents complain to you? 21
- 22 A. So, again, the information was brought out
- 23 not only by the board; there were faculty and staff
- 24 on the campus.

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25 It was a lot of people that kind of

- 1 you're saying?
- 2 A. That's possible, yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you recall any of these gifts from
- your shifts? 4
- 5 A. Cake, food, probably like some food and a 6 cake.
- 7 Q. Did Darren Barnett ever give you a bottle of
- 8 liquor?
- 9 A. No, I don't drink.
- Q. Okay. Was there -- are you -- are you aware 10
- 11 of anyone giving anyone at TSU a bottle of White
- Hennessy? 12
- 13 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 14 A. I do not.
- Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Did any member of 15
- the TSU Board of Regents speak with you about Darren
- Barnett and President Crumpton-Young's relationship? 17
- A. Could you be a little more specific on that 18
- 19 question?
- 20 Q. Sure. Did they -- did the -- anyone from
- 21 the TSU Board of Regents come to you complaining
- about Darren Barnett and President Crumpton-Young's 22
- relationship? 23
- 24 A. I think there were several members that
- 25 complained about the conduct of officers and what was

observed some of the things that the department was

- doing, some of the things that officers were doing.
  - People can be out in the open at a
- restaurant and kind of saw some of the things. So it
- was not just the board of regents bringing it to my
- attention; it was several people that brought it to
- my attention. I just wanted to correct the behavior
- of the officers.
- 9 Q. Okay. And do you remember when this
- 10 occurred?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. Was it on more than one occasion that a TSU 12
- 13 board member spoke with you about this issue?
- 14 A. About what issue?
- 15 Q. The issue with the security detail and
- 16 President Crumpton-Young.
- 17 A. So, again, the -- no one particularly came
- and said, "Hey, Chief, do this." I think what I want
- you to understand is that there were several 19
- complaints in the community about the behavior of my
- officers. Everyone knew at the time that I was the
- chief of police and I needed to speak to my officers,
- 23 because some conduct --
- 24 Q. Uh-huh.
- 25 A. -- appeared to be out of hand, and

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130 1 particularly when they saw one of the officers doing She undermined my authority. She felt

- 2 some things that was not becoming of an officer, like
- 3 holding up the president's dress or holding her purse
- or taking her shopping.
- 5 Those things kind of caught the
- attention, not just the board of regents, but people
- 7 in the community that have a stake in the university,
- and they wanted to bring it to my attention.
- 9 Q. Do you remember specifically who spoke with
- 10 you about these issues that you just mentioned?
- 11 A. Oh, there was several people. I'm pretty
- 12 sure it's -- emails and things inside -- even inside
- 13 the original package that you have, I think there's
- 14 some emails that specifically say who complained 15 about the behaviors of my officers. I don't have
- anything in front of me. Again, this has been two 16
- 17 and a half years --
- 18 Q. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. -- of constant reminding, that because I'm a
- 20 female, that I'm not good enough to lead a
- 21 department.

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security detail?

- 22 So this has been haunting me for two and
- 23 a half years, that because of my gender, that I'm not
- 24 good enough to run a department or that I'm not smart

So forgive me if I don't have a name of

female, I'm not good enough to run a department. So

What I do know is that it was hard being

Can you name any specific member of the

When I observed this behavior and that I

it's been two years, and I do not have those names.

a female police chief on that campus. That's what I

board of regents that came to you to complain about

Q. Okay. Let's narrow it to the board of

the conduct of the members of the president's

A. So let me see if I can help on that one.

believed and still believe that my authority was

to take it up to my supervisor. At the time my

22 being involved, it's because I involved the board of

supervisor was the president.

being undermined as a female police chief, I wanted

And so as far as the board of regents

2 a person that asked me to correct the behavior of an

officer who I'm trying to protect, because, as a

25 enough or intelligent enough.

- 2 like the male officers or male police chiefs had
- 3 better knowledge than me. So maybe if I take it to

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- 4 the supervisor -- or her supervisor, maybe they can
- possibly con -- you know, put a hold on or put a lid,
- so to speak, on her conduct. I knew the power that
- 7 she had because she was the most powerful Young on
- 8 that campus.
- 9 I think that she was taking advantage of
- 10 my officers. They just happened to be male officers.
- 11 If there were female officers, those --
- 12 these questions that you're asking me would not even
- have come up, because these things would not take
- place with female officers. These things are only
- 15 taking place because they were male officers.
- MR. KEENEY: Okay. I have to object to 16
- 17 nonresponsiveness.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) I understand, but I'm asking
- specifically the names of boards -- members of the
- 20 board of regents.
- 21 Did they ever come to -- you said --
- your testimony was that you approached the board, but
- did the board ever approach you and ask you to
- intervene and do something about the security detail,
- and how they were being used by President
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  - 1 Crumpton-Young?
    - A. I remember having a conversation with the
    - chairman of the board. I don't remember when that
    - 4 conversation took place. I remember having a
    - conversation with Regent Price with the board, former
    - president -- former Interim President Regent Sias and
    - Regent Nellons-Paige, Regent Rose, so I -- Regent
    - Terrell. I've had several conversations with the
    - regents before about my police department.
    - 10 Q. Okay. And in those conversations, did they
    - 11 ever ask you to do something about how the security
    - 12 detail was being used or what they were doing on the
    - 13 president's security detail?
    - MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. 14
    - 15 A. So we've always had a president's detail.
    - Let's take this back. The -- when I got there in
    - 2017, there was a male president, and the president
    - 18 that succeeded him was a president -- a male.
    - 19 The president's detail did not come into
    - question or me having to constantly talk to them
    - about anything until President Crumpton-Young became
    - 22 the president, and specifically because she wanted
    - 23 those officers to do more than their jobs were.
    - So, again, I went to the board at the
    - last straw, because I needed someone to see what I

the behavior of the president, because she didn't take my authority to run my department.

regents because I wanted to see if they could correct

1 was seeing: How the president was treating me. And

- 2 I wanted the board to help me understand that, so I
- 3 went to the board.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. Now, I'm sure you
- 5 remember there was a complaint anonymously filed at
- TSU. Do you have any facts? Do you have any
- 7 knowledge of who -- well, let me strike that.
  - The anonymous complaint. In
- 9 December 2022, did you have any knowledge of the
- 10 identity of the person who filed that anonymous
- 11 complaint?
- 12 A. This is February 2025, and there still has
- 13 not been an identity of the person that filed that
- 14 complaint.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge that
- 16 Crumpton-Young knew about the complaint before it was
- 17 filed?
- 18 A. I think I have knowledge now that a lawsuit
- 19 has been filed. But prior to, again, I was
- 20 blindsided by all of this. From your very first
- 21 question, I had no knowledge of any of this, so, no.
- 22 Q. So -- okay. So just to be clear the
- 23 answer [sic] is: Do you know whether or not
- 24 Crumpton-Young knew about the complaint before it was
- 25 filed?

- 1 A. She called --
- 2 Q. Uh-huh.
- 3 A. Go ahead.
- 4 Q. She called you?
- 5 A. She did.
- 6 Q. Okay. And what did she say about the
- 7 complaint?

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- A. Well, that's -- that was the second time we
- 9 actually had a one-on-one, and we left the campus and

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- 10 went to a restaurant that was down the street.
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. And she said that she was in Mexico and that
- 13 they had called her during the summer to tell her
- 14 that -- about the complaint or something.
- 15 Q. Uh-huh. And when you went to the restaurant
- 16 with Crumpton-Young -- I just want the timeline to be
- 17 clear -- was this in August or was it after
- 18 August 2022?
- 19 A. It was after the board meeting. So the
- 20 board meeting was either the -- no, it was August.
- 21 Q. Okay

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- A. Because the next board meeting would have
- 23 been October.
- 24 Q. Uh-huh. And what did Ms. Crumpton-Young say
- 25 about the complaint? Did she say anything else about

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- 1 And if you don't know, that's fine. You
- 2 can say yes, no, or I don't know.
- 3 A. Because the complaint itself is bogus. It's
- 4 hard to answer that question because the complaint
- 5 doesn't even make sense, so I would say I don't know.
- 6 Q. Okay. When did you first learn about the
- 7 complaint? When did you first hear about it?
- 8 A. I believe that was July on the Teams meeting
- 9 with Darlene Brown about field training.
- 10 Q. Okay. That's when you first learned that a
- 11 complaint had been filed against you?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. Did you ever speak with President
- 14 Crumpton-Young about the complaint or the allegations
- 15 in the complaint?
- 16 A. So August -- it was the board meeting after
- 17 the August board meeting, President Crumpton-Young
- 18 asked Sergeant Jones to contact me because she wanted
- 19 to speak with me. And that might have been August --
- 20 I don't know the date. Forget that. I don't know
- 21 the date. I just know you can look up whatever the
- 22 August board meeting was, 2022.
- 23 Q. Uh-huh.
- 24 A. And she asked to speak with me.
- 25 Q. So you had --

1 the complaint?

- A. At that meeting, I remember that meeting
- 3 specifically, because she said, "Chief, I know you're
- 4 aware that a complaint was filed and that you and
- 5 your deputy chief was found" -- I don't remember the
- 6 exact words she used, but it was something like we
- 7 were found guilty of fraud. I'll just say that, and
- 8 you can kind of look at --
- 9 Q. Uh-huh.
- 10 A. -- what she actually said.
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. Dealing with overtime. And she said,
- 13 because of that, she was instructed -- these are her
- 14 words to me. She was instructed by the board of
- 15 regents to terminate me. That's what she said to me.
- 16 Q. And this was in August of 2022 that she said
- 17 that the board instructed her to terminate you?
- and the board mondeted not to terminate y
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did she say anything after that?
  - O A. And that if I needed my assistant chief to
- 21 confirm what I'm telling -- because she says,
- 22 "Listen, don't share this with anyone but your
- 23 assistant chief, and if he needs to get confirmation,
- 24 you can have him contact me."
- 25 So when we got back on campus, told it

1 to my assistant chief, what the conversation she and

- 2 I just had, and that he should contact her, and he
- 3 attempted to contact her.
- 4 Q. Okay. Did she fire you? Did she terminate
- 5 your employment in that meeting?
- 6 A. Her response to me in that meeting was she
- 7 was instructed by the board of regents to terminate
- 8 me
- 9 Q. Uh-huh. Did she do it? Did she tell you
- 10 that you were terminated as of that day?
- 11 A. She did not.
- 12 Q. Did she tell you why she was not terminating
- 13 you at that time?
- 14 A. We didn't get into that, but what I would
- 15 say, when I got back on campus, I ran into Regent
- 16 Price, and, like I always have an officer that's
- 17 assigned to the board of regents and the president.
- 18 He asked me what was wrong and how was I doing?
- 19 And I said, "Well, I'm not doing good."
- 20 And he said, "What do you mean?" I said, "I heard
- 21 from the president, just met with the president, and
- 22 she said that you-all had instructed that she fire
- 23 me." And he says, "What? What are you talking
- 24 about?"
- 25 And the very next day, I got a call from

- 1 because, again, that was taped on my front door.
  - 2 Q. Uh-huh.
  - 3 A. So I don't have that slide. If you can go

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- 4 back to that slide, it will have that date on there.
- 5 Q. Do you know who made the decision to
- 6 terminate you from employment at TSU?
- 7 A. I thought the ultimate decision was the
- 8 president.
- 9 Q. Do you know if President Crumpton-Young
- 10 ultimately made the decision or, rather, delegated
- 11 that decision-making authority to someone else?
- 12 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) After you were placed on
- 15 administrative leave after December 1st, did TSU
- 16 install an interim police chief?
- 17 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 18 A. I wasn't on administrative leave. I had a
- 19 temporary restraining order. There was an email that
- 20 was sent out that Bobby Brown would be the interim
- 21 police chief.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) So Bobby Brown -- a lot of
- 23 -- a lot of names are similar.
- 24 Is Bobby Brown the same as Frederick
- 25 Brown? Bobby is --

- 1 the board of regents' lawyer saying that Darlene
- 2 Brown needed to do an investigation for me. So
- 3 that's probably why that date says an
- 4 August-something date on her paperwork to you,
- 5 because she had never talked to me about an
- 6 investigation, where she talked to all these officers
- 7 and got, I guess, their opinions of whatever that
- 8 first slide you had shown us earlier throughout this
- 9 morning.
- 10 And so that's how that paperwork has an
- 11 August date on it, because the board of regents'
- 12 lawyer -- I can't think of her name. It's a female.
- 13 I want to say Linda, Lisa, something with an "L" --
- 14 and Regent Price. And that's how Darlene Brown was
- 15 able to talk to me, because I was never ever afforded
- 16 the opportunity, through the Texas Government Code
- 17 614. And I know you're familiar that government
- 18 code. I was never afforded the opportunity for the
- 19 Texas Government Code, so therefore I didn't even
- 20 know about an investigation. I just knew the
- 21 conversation she had with me in July.
- 22 Q. Okay. So when, ultimately, were you
- 23 terminated from TSU employment?
- A. Well, according to that slide you put up, it
- 25 said January 2023. I don't know what the date was

1 A. No.

- 2 Q. They're different people?
- A. Yes. Frederick was the assistant chief.
- 4 Bobby Brown was a sergeant equivalent to Barnett.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you know if Frederick Brown is
- 6 still employed at TSU?
- 7 A. No, he's not.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you believe that President
- 9 Crumpton-Young had sexually exploited Darren Barnett?
- 10 A. I believe Crumpton-Young used her power as
- 11 the president of the university to take advantage of
- 12 Sergeant Barnett. As far as sexual exploitation,
- 13 those are two consenting adults. What they did on
- 14 their own time, that had nothing to do what
- 15 transpired at work.
- 16 But I believe she used her power and
- 17 authority, yeah, to take advantage of him. I do.
- 18 Q. Okay. So, to your knowledge, President
- 19 Crumpton-Young took advantage of Barnett because of
- 20 her authority. And my question is: Did she give
- 21 anything of value to, to your knowledge, Darren
- 22 Barnett in exchange for anything sexual?
- 23 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- 24 A. I don't know what value that she gave him
- 25 for anything sexual. I know what benefits he

1 received because of his gender.

2 I know she promised him a spot in the

- 3 president's office because of his gender, and he's
- 4 not qualified. He doesn't have a degree. And once
- 5 he realized he didn't have a degree, and once she
- 6 realized he didn't have a degree, that's when he
- 7 asked me could he rescind his resignation.
  - I don't know what value she gave him
- 9 sexually, other than the fact that if it was a female
- 10 and she had asked that female to do those things that
- 11 Barnett was doing, we would not be having this
- 12 conversation. But because he was a male, that is why
- 13 we're having a conversation.
- 14 Because I believe she took advantage of
- 15 him with her power of being a female in authority,
- 16 the highest authority. She's the CEO of the
- 17 university. I think she took advantage of him, and I
- 18 think that his gain out of it was that he was with
- 19 the powerful person on the campus.
- 20 And so, yes, I believe her power and
- 21 authority dictated my termination.
- 22 Q. Okay.

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- 23 MR. KEENEY: Just for the record, I'll
- 24 object to the portion that was nonresponsive, but
- 25 thank you for that answer.

- 1 by the board of regents. They actually were trying
  - 2 to terminate her. So it's a little bit more to that,
  - 3 and so that's my resolve for not going to her,
  - 4 letting her know how discriminated I was in the

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- 5 treatment that I was getting from her. But it was
- 6 not a secret. I assure that. It was not a secret.
- 7 The president knew exactly what she was doing.
- Q. Okay. Let's just talk about -- take a step
- 9 back and talk about what your -- some of your job
- 10 responsibilities were as the police chief.
- 11 So what does the position of police
- 12 chief entail?
- 13 A. So the police chief, especially of a college
- 14 -- on a college campus is a unique position because
- 15 not only are you the police chief of the university,
- 16 but all of the surrounding area that borders that
- 17 university. So your students that reside on campus,
- 18 the students that are in the community that don't
- 19 reside on campus, the faculty, the staff, the
- 20 stakeholders, the alumni that come on campus, all of
- 21 those persons that have a genuine feel, concern,
- 22 love, support, admiration for that campus, you're
- 23 responsible for their safety while they're on campus.
- 24 You're responsible to make certain that
- 25 you enforce the laws that are governed under the

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- Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. I think that
- 2 we're going to end early. So let me take five
- 3 minutes and then come back, and we can finish up,
- 4 hopefully.
- 5 THE REPORTER: Okay. Off the record at
- 6 2:13.

- 7 (Recess 2:13 p.m. to 2:21 p.m.)
- 8 THE REPORTER: Okay. Back on the record
- 9 at 2:21.
- 10 MR. KEENEY: All right. Thank you again
- 11 for your patience and your time. I don't have much
- 12 more to go
- 13 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) I'm wondering, did you ever
- 14 tell President Crumpton-Young that what you believed
- 15 she was doing was gender discrimination?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. And is the answer the same for sex
- 18 discrimination? Did you ever say that she was
- 19 discriminating based on sex?
- 20 A. I'm trying to give you the answer, but
- 21 there's so much more to that question on why I did
- 22 not go to her to express the discrimination that I
- 23 saw her do to me.
- 24 Q. Uh-huh.
- 25 A. The president was being investigated herself

- 1 federal, the state, and the local laws.
  - 2 You are also now the spokesperson for
  - 3 your department in the case of any emergency. You
  - 4 are the overseer of that department, whether it's the
  - 5 budget, whether it's the officers, staffing, hiring,
  - 6 firing. You delegate. You -- there is -- there's an
  - 7 array of different things that the police chief does.
  - 8 And then I had another position as
  - 9 emergency manager. So not only was I the police
  - 10 chief and over the safety and the security of the
  - 11 university and the students and the staff, I am now
  - 12 the emergency manager that, whenever there's an
  - 13 emergency. I am the one who implements the protocols
  - 14 for those emergencies. Whether it's a bomb threat or
  - 15 a hurricane or any of those things, I implement those
  - 16 protocols and put those things in place.
  - 17 And then we have an infor -- an
  - 18 operation center where we all meet. And I'm the
  - 19 person who says, "This is how it's going to operate."
  - 20 And then I now bring all that to the president, and
  - 21 he or she signs off and says, "Yes, this is going to
  - 2 be the things that we do to make certain that our
  - 23 university is operable."
  - So there is an array of duties as a
  - 25 police chief. It's not just a title. There's work.

1 And I take pride in that, because I came from an

- 2 organization where we worked. I worked for the
- 3 fourth largest city in the United States, never had a
- 4 blemish on my record whatsoever. So being appointed
- 5 as the first female police chief was not only an
- honor, but I felt I had a duty, because now I'm
- 7 working on a college campus where you can have the
- ability to shape young people's lives.
- 9 Throughout my entire career it was easy
- 10 to put people in jail, but when you're working on a
- 11 college campus and you're seeing that these young
- 12 people are truly having an opportunity to want to do
- 13 best, you put your first -- your foot forward.
- 14 And so as a police chief, we did
- 15 everything. I -- again --
- 16 Q. Uh-huh.
- 17 A. -- it just wasn't a title. I did the work.
- We worked long hours. I worked long hours. I 18
- implemented, delegated, orchestrated, just anything 19
- that you believe that -- to get the continuity of 20
- people together to make certain that your personal 21
- 22 safety as well as public safety was being addressed,
- 23 I was -- I was the person for that.
- 24 Q. Uh-huh. Can you tell me about your job
- 25 performance? How would you -- how would you rate

1 TSU in 2017 with a wonderful, wonderful pedigree, and

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- 2 it's been tarnished.
- 3 Q. So what does one look for when one is
- 4 selecting a police chief? What are the credentials
- 5 or qualifications that is -- that are valued?
- A. Integrity, honesty, fairness, care, the
- ability to do the job, transparency, strength,
- knowledge, education. Several, several different
- 9 attributes.
- 10 We look for those things, because those
- 11 are the things that every day that you're going to
- 12 have to exhibit. Even when you don't want to exhibit
- those things, those things will be displayed.
- 14 Q. Tell me, how does leadership play into the
- 15 role?
- MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form. 16
- 17 A. I don't know how one could accept the job as
- a police chief without understanding that it requires
- 19 leadership.
- 20 I'm a collaborative leader. I believe
- in including everyone. I believe opinions matter. I
- believe we're better together. I believe in all of
- 23 that. I believe in connecting the dots.
- 24 So, for me, leadership is probably one
- 25 of the most important if not the important skill that

- 1 yourself?
- 2 A. Of course, I'll give myself a 10 out of 10,
- but I let my work speak for itself. 3
- 4 In the years that I was the police chief
- 5 there, I was voted by my peers as the Chief of Police
- 6 of the Year three times. I was selected to attend
- 7 the FBI leadership academy.
- 8 That academy is not offered to HBCU
- Police Chiefs because HBCUs do not have the number of
- officers. You have to have over 150 sworn officers 10
- 11 or more. I was selected to attend that, and so I'm
- probably the only HBCU police chief in the history of 12
- 13 the FBI leadership that ever attended that and became
- 14 certified.
- 15 When it comes to being the liaison on
- 16 the federal level, again, I was selected by my peers.
- 17 And so rating my job performance, rating
- my skill set, rating my ability, I'm saying 10 out of 18
- 10. I don't know what your scale is. Your scale may 19
- be a hundred, so if it's a hundred, I'm a hundred out 21 of a hundred, if I have to rate myself.
- 22 But I -- I'm only giving you the things
- that my peers selected me for. Again, I allow the 23
- work that I do to speak for itself. I'm not looking
- for a pat on the back, but I will tell you I came to

- 1 one can possess in this position.
  - Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) And how -- how did you
  - display collaborative leadership when you were at
  - 4 TSU?
  - 5 A. Inclusion. I included everyone. That's why
  - I said I had supervisor meetings. I could have just
  - had a command meeting with just my number two or my
  - number three, but I included all the supervisors
  - because I wanted them to understand the things that
  - we were discussing so they can go back and share with
  - 11 the officers underneath them.
  - 12 I'm always looking out for people to
  - 13 have professional growth. If you're somewhere and
  - you can't grow professionally, then it's kind of hard
  - 15 to remain in that position or remain at that
  - 16 location.
  - 17 And so because of the college campus --
  - 18 and the retentions are always hard for officers on a
  - college campus because a lot of times most think it's
  - boring. It's a boring job. Like "I don't want to
  - babysit a child. I don't want to babysit these
  - kids," or whatever. "I want to go out there and
  - write tickets" and, you know, "jump out of houses."
  - I don't know what they want to do.
  - 25 But it's different on a college campus

1 because education is more important than writing the

- 2 tickets or incarcerating the students. So that's how
- 3 I corroborated. I made certain that everybody was
- included. I left no one out.
- 5 Q. Okay. How did that impact the officers
- 6 under your command? How did they react to your
- 7 collaborative leadership?
  - A. One thing I can say as a leader, that
- 9 whenever change is happening, you're going to have
- 10 some that's for it and some that's against it. And
- 11 so I can only say that I believe that the majority of
- 12 those officers that worked under my leadership
- 13 appreciated what I had done for them.
- 14 Q. Did you ever hear any officer making any --
- 15 making any statement indicating that they did not
- 16 respect you as a leader?
- 17 A. I did not hear that statement.
- 18 Q. Anything resembling that sentiment, that
- 19 they're -- that they did not respect you?
- A. No. 20
- 21 Q. Were there ever any instances where you were
- 22 not able to manage effectively as a leader at TSU's
- 23 police department?
- 24 A. Nope.
- 25 Q. Ever any instances where you lost control of

- 1 agency. But I wanted to give them opportunity
  - 2 because I believe people should be afforded the

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- opportunity, especially when I heard some of the
- reasons on why they were not at those agencies.
- 5 So the mistake that I made at that
- moment was just being too freely to give opportunity
- 7 to everyone without truly, truly doing my due
- diligence. I relied solely on my recruiters to bring
- the people to me. And if they said that, "Yes, this
- is a good fit. Please give them a opportunity,
- Chief." I took that, and I gave opportunities. And
- 12 so those would -- that would be some of the things
- 13 that I would correct.
- 14 Moving forward, if I had to change it,
- 15 again, I would probably truly, truly sit down myself
- and understand what I'm getting myself into with 16
- 17 hiring certain people.
- 18 Q. Okay. All right. Well, thank you. I'm
- 19 just going to switch gears and return to another
- 20 topic --
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. -- that I left off at earlier.
- 23 You mentioned that Darren Barnett had
- 24 threatened to resign at one point.
- 25 A. Threatened, or he sent me a letter of

1 the officers under your command?

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- Q. Were there ever any instances where you were 3
- challenged -- your authority was challenged? I'm not 4
- talking about Crumpton-Young, but the officers under
- 6 your command, did they ever challenge your authority?
- 8 Q. Are there any instances where you were not
- able to perform your job as a police chief due to --
- well, let me strike that. 10
- 11 Were there ever any instances where you
- feel like you made any mistakes or failures while you 12
- were a police chief at TSU? 13
- 14 A. Mistakes or failures? I'm human, so, of
- course, those things can take place. 15
- 16 I think that some of the mistakes that I
- made is that I hired people because I wanted to give 17
- people opportunities, second chances. The majority 18
- of officers that I hired, they came on in 2017. 19
- 20 They came to the department -- to the
- 21 department at a time when no other agency was going
- to hire them. So I pretty much gave -- the majority 22
- of the officers, if not 85 percent of the officers 24 that are at TSU. I hired them, and they all came from
- second, third, some even fourth chances with an

- 151 resignation?
  - 2 Q. So he didn't threaten it. He actually did
  - 3 it?

- 4 A. He sent his letter of resignation. I still
- 5 have a copy of it.
- Q. Okay. Did he ever tell you that it was
- because you had indicated that you were planning to
- take him off of the president's detail?
- A. I believe I made it clear to him that his
- behavior from getting out of bed at midnight, doing 10
- 11 certain things was not becoming of a police officer.
- There was no reports. 12
- 13 Those -- we have protocols that you have
- 14 to follow. You are a police officer. You're jumping
- out of bed at night, trying to go to a scene of a 15
- crime. Yet no one knows, and there's no paperwork.
- 17 There's nothing in place.
- 18 That's not -- that's not how we're
- trained, that's not in my policies, and that is not a 19
- procedure. And so I said, "I think you're in too
- deep. I think you need to take a step back. I'm
- 22 going to take you from the detail assignments." So,
- 23 yes, I did say that.
- Q. Did he tell you that the reason he was
- resigning was because of that?

A. No. He did not tell me that. What I

- 2 remember Sergeant Barnett saying to me -- and I don't
- 3 know the timeline from when he said it, if it was the
- 4 time that I met with him after that incident I'm
- speaking of or his resignation. But I remember him 5
- saying that he was angry with me because of a trip
- 7 that I did not allow him to go on.
- I remember specifically him saying that 8
- 9 he thought that I deliberately did not want him to go
- 10 on this trip, and because I had told the business
- 11 administrator that he's not going on the trip, he
- 12 took it as something really, really negative.
- 13 But I was trying to protect him, because
- 14 what he didn't know was two weeks prior to that he
- 15 had gotten -- I had received notice from the
- 16 president's office that the last trip that Sergeant
- Barnett had gone on with the president, he had bought 17
- 18 some alcohol that morning -- and it came from the
- board of regents person. He had bought some alcohol 19
- on the flight using the president's card, and that 20
- 21 was going to be a violation, and that was his second
- 22 violation.
- 23 And so I did not want him to get caught
- 24 up. So I said he's not going on this trip. It was
- either in March, middle March, or the latter part of

1 A. She didn't call 911. She didn't called HPD. 156

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- She didn't call TSU dispatch. She didn't call me.
- She called Sergeant Barnett.
- 4 Q. Uh-huh. Would it have been -- would it have
- 5 been appropriate for her to call you directly?
- 6 A. If she had called me because she believes
- 7 her daughter was missing --
- 8 Q. Uh-huh.
- 9 A. -- and something possibly is happening to
- 10 her daughter, if she had called me, the chief of
- police for the university that she works for, then I
- 12 would have instructed her what the steps are to do.
- 13 Q. Uh-huh. And what should Darren Barnett have 14 done in that situation? Assuming Crumpton-Young
- 15 should not have called him, regardless of that, what
- 16
- should Darren Barnett have done, in your opinion? 17 A. Sergeant Barnett is a supervisor. He also
- has a supervisor. If he felt the need to do police 18
- work while he's at home -- which we never ever
- 20 encourage. We never encourage that.
- 21 We are a 24-hour operation, so there's
- always somebody at work. He could have called a
- 23 supervisor that was at work, or he could have called
- his supervisor. He could have called the captain.
- He could have called the deputy chief, or he could

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- 1 March or something. And he told me that he was upset
- 2 because I wouldn't let him go on that trip. And the
- next thing I know, I get this anonymous complaint. 3
- 4 Q. Okay. You mentioned that Sergeant Barnett
- 5 was called in the middle of the night.
- 6 So what would have been the proper
- procedure for the president if she wished to seek
- assistance from the TSU Police Department after 8
- 9
- 10 A. Oh, there is no after hours for the police
- 11 department because we are a 24-hour service.
- 12 Officers have shifts that they work,
- 13 eight-hour shifts. The proper thing to do with
- anyone -- it doesn't have to be the police department 14
- of TSU or the president of TSU. Most people, if they 15
- believe something is wrong with their family and they
- reside in the city, they will call that city police 17
- department or they will call 911. That's the first 18
- 19 thing people would do.
- 20 Secondly, because she is the president
- 21 and she has the information on our department, she
- 22 could have clearly just called our dispatch number,
- and we could have dispatched an officer there. None 23
- 24 of that took place.
- 25 Q. Uh-huh.

1 have called me.

- When Sergeant Barnett called me, he was
- already at the location, at the hospital with the
- daughter and everything. That's totally
- unacceptable. Anything could have happened.
- 6 Q. Okay. So Darren Barnett did not call you
- 7 until after the situation had been resolved?
- 8 A. It wasn't resolved. When Sergeant Barnett
- called me, he said, "Chief Young" -- now he's with
- the president and the husband. They're at the
- 11 hospital now. He's telling me that when they found
- this location -- because, I guess, this Find My
- phone. I don't have an iPhone. I'm an Android
- 14 person. No judging.
- 15 So apparently on this iPhone, you can
- Find My iPhone or Find My phone or whatever. So with
- that Find My phone, he went to the location where the
- 18 president said her daughter's vehicle was.
- 19 He described that when they got to the
- vehicle, the hatchback of the door was open and the
- 21 daughter was laying inside. At that moment they
- 22 didn't know if she was dead or alive, if there were
- 23 anyone else around, anything like that.
- That's a crime scene. We don't know
- what's going on. You are police officer. You've got

1 to think.

- 2 And so he's not clearly thinking. He's
- 3 acting more on emotion than he is on the profession.
- He said they then get her out of the car. Now,
- you've removed her. You don't know what's going on. 5
- Removed her out of the car, take her and put her
- 7 inside another vehicle, and then they're at the
- hospital. 8
- 9 Those things are not protocol for the
- 10 police department. It's just not protocol. He just
- 11 didn't follow the protocol, and I think Sergeant
- 12 Barnett has been an officer long enough to know that
- 13 what he did was not the protocol. But I think he --
- 14 I think, because it was the president, right, and
- 15 whatever relationship or friendship or whatever it is
- 16 that they had, he did not follow the protocol, and he
- just wanted to -- I just think that she used her 17
- 18 power to have him do that, because she called him.
- Q. Okay. I understand. Do you remember who 19
- 20 President Crumpton-Young's executive assistant was?
- 21 A. When you say "executive assistant,"
- 22 executive assistant for --
- 23 Q. A personal -- a personal executive assistant
- 24 or a personal assistant?
- 25 A. So when she got there, she had Heidi Smith,

- Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Yeah. Tell me more about
- that. So was it someone from the president's office
- that was trying to create a position for Darren
- 4 Barnett?
- A. Again, you're -- you probably -- you're 5
- probably reading what I read, and I'm not even
- certain where it was that I read it. It could be in
- someone's sworn affidavit or something, but I
- 9 remember seeing that, that Sergeant Barnett was to be
- given a position in the president's office. But,
- because he did not meet the qualifications --
- 12 Sergeant Barnett did not have a degree, and he didn't
- 13 have the years of service, nor the skills.
- 14 And I believe shortly thereafter, he put
- 15 a social media post on that, thanks to the president,
- he's enrolling in school to get a degree. And that's
- on his -- that was on his social media, and I think
- someone has a copy of that screenshot or something on
- 19 his social media.
- 20 Q. How -- do you know why he said thanks to the
- 21 president?
- 22 MS. MARSAW: Objection.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Do you have any knowledge
- as to how the president may be helping Darren Barnett
- get a degree?

159 1 and I don't know what their -- because she gives --

- the president likes to use acronyms or just one-word
- 3 to describe people or whatever.
- So Kia Harper, she brought her in with 4
- 5 her from Baltimore. So I don't know if Kia was her
- executive assistant or not. I don't know if Doman
- was her -- if that's considered her executive
- assistant or if that was her chief of staff. So I
- don't know the terms that she would have used for an
- executive assistant 10
- 11 I don't know if Christina was her
- executive assistant or if -- I can't think of the 12
- other young lady's name that worked there. So I 13
- 14 don't know. I just know she had assistants.
- Q. Do you know if any one of Crumpton-Young's 15
- assistants reached out to Darren Barnett, asking him 16
- not to resign? 17
- 18 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.
- A. I don't know that to be true. Kia Harper's 19
- 20 name comes up, and I think you're probably reading
- 21 what I read also, that maybe Kia Harper was the
- 22 person that told Sergeant Barnett don't resign
- because the president said she had a position for
- 24 him. I think that's probably what you're reading.
- 25 because I read that somewhere.

A. I would not know. I just know the president

- loves power, and she would use her power.
- Q. Do you know the specific position or
- position title they were attempting to create for --
- allegedly for Darren Barnett?
- A. I couldn't even begin to tell you of a title
- without a degree, working on a college campus. You
- have to have a master's degree to start by working on
- a college campus. He didn't even have a community
- college education, so I couldn't tell you what 10
- 11 position they were trying to give him.
- 12 Q. Is it possible that the position may have
- 13 not required a college degree?
- 14 A. It's very possible.
- 15 MS. MARSAW: Objection. Calls for
- 16 speculation.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 MR. KEENEY: Okay. I'm sorry, I'm just
- 19 gathering my notes here.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- 21 MR. KEENEY: It's okay.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Are you aware of Darren
- Barnett ever telling anyone, before the complaint was
- filed against you, that he knew that you would be
- fired soon?

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162 A. Barnett told everyone that. Again, I'm the 1 that -- you mentioned Darren Barnett apparently said 2 only one that didn't know about this complaint. 2 that he heard from the president's office that you 3 Barnett told everyone that I was going to be fired, 3 would be terminated. Do you know when Darren Barnett 4 because he had gotten that from Crumpton-Young. received that information from President Crumpton-Young? 5 Sergeant McCray knew. 5 A. No. 6 Now, remember these are all the people 6 Q. But is it -- is it true that Darren Barnett that I hired at TSU, so they're sharing this with me, 7 did say that he received this information from the including Barnett. I hired Barnett, but, because he president's office? 9 was upset that I wanted to remove him from the 9 A. That's inside more than one officer's sworn 10 10 president's detail, because I believed she was taking statement, yes. 11 advantage of him through her power, he in turn became 11 Q. All right. 12 angry. Upset, I'm assuming. Mad, the word you used, 12 MR. KEENEY: Okay. Let's take one more the -- whatever. 13 13 break, and then I just have a few more questions. 14 But I'll see y'all back here at 3:00. But, yes, it was no secret that Barnett 15 had shared with everyone there that the president 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. 16 THE REPORTER: Okay. Off the record at 16 wanted to fire me. It became such hostile, that all of my authority, I felt, was literally taken from me, 17 2:55. because I would say something, and they would look 18 (Recess 2:55 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) 18 around like, "Well, she's not going to be here 19 THE REPORTER: Okay. Back on at 19 3:00 p.m. 20 20 anyway." Or my authority would be undermined because I could say it, but then Barnett would be like -- and Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) All right. Ms. Young, are 21 21 22 tell them, "Oh, that's not what's going to happen." 22 you currently receiving any sources of income? 23 It's like every time I would say 23 A. No. 24 24 something, it would be counteracted with one of the Q. Are you receiving any unemployment benefits?

1 happening," or "Don't worry about it. She's not 2 going to be here long." 3 They all knew this because of what 4 Sergeant Barnett shared with them, and he admitted that he would share the things with these officers, 6 male -- male officers, the male sergeants, about my 7 tenure there at TSU. He knew. I didn't know. He knew. So, yes, that is true. 8 9 Q. All right. So Darren Barnett is talking 10 about the complaint, talking with other officers. 11 Is that -- are we talking about the time period after the complaint had been filed, or are we 12 13 talking about before the complaint was filed that he 14 was talking about it? 15 A. I think this is a continuous thing. I think the complaint is just a facade. I think they just 17 made up a complaint, because still, to this day, we don't have a complainant. I requested one. I know 18 19 the government code requires one. 20 I think that that's been ongoing 21 conversation that Sergeant Barnett was having with 22 the department about her terminating me. I think the complaint is just a cover-up. I think that was 23

already something that she wanted to do.

Q. Do you have any knowledge regarding the date

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male officers saying, "That's not going to

1 misunderstood the question I was answering, because I thought you were asking am I employed. Q. No --3 4 A. I'm receiving -- my apologies. 5 Q. That's fine. A. So I did retire from the Houston Police 7 Department, so, yes, I am receiving my retirement benefits. 8 9 Q. Okay. Apart from the pension payments, are 10 you receiving any other form of income? 11 A. Unless I do some type of consultant work 12 dealing with answering a police question or organizing or coordinating some police things, no. 14 Q. Have you done any type of consulting work 15 since leaving TSU? 16 A. Maybe once or twice, I had to sit on a 17 panel. I have -- I'm a part of the Women's Empowerment Group where we -- where we kind of empower each other, because I'm not the only female or the first or the last female that have gone 21 through this type of gender discrimination. 22 And so there's a group of law 23 enforcement officers, particularly black female 24 chiefs, that are part of this social circle, and so

we kind of empower each other. So, yeah, we've sat

A. Oh, let me -- I'm sorry. Let me go back. I

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1 on panels. I have sat on maybe two or three panels

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- within the last two and a half years.
- 3 Q. Did you receive any income --
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. -- from being on at that panel?
- 6 A. No, no income.
- 7 Q. No honorarium or payments?
- A. No. It's just a "that a girl" for standing 8
- 9 up.
- Q. Any other type of consulting work that you 10
- 11 received a payment for?
- 12 A. So I -- I am a coordinator for the barbecue
- 13 cook-off for the rodeo, so I get a coordinator's fee
- for hiring officers to work that particular tent. 14
- 15 That's it.
- 16 A consultant fee would have been
- probably with some former athletes, giving them 17
- information as they move to Houston, maybe where to 18
- live, or something like that, but nothing full-time 19
- and of significant monetary value, no. 20
- 21 Q. Okay. Since leaving TSU, have you submitted
- any job applications at other police departments? 22
- 23 A. Oh, yes, several, several. Six, I believe,
- 24 to be exact.

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25 Q. Uh-huh. So to answer your question, yes, I've

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- 2 applied. No, I have not been hired anywhere. I've
- not had steady employment since that wrongful
- termination. And I used that word, you don't have
- to. I'll say it -- since that wrongful termination
- in 2023. And it's very disheartening, because my
- 7 reputation means a lot to me.
  - Q. Apart from applying for police chief
- positions, have you applied to any other type of
- 10 role, or any other level?
- 11 A. I did not.
- 12 Q. Did I understand you to say that you were
- also receiving a pension payment from the Houston 13
- 14 Police Department?
- 15 A. When you say, "also," like in conjunction
- 16 with something else, what do you mean by also? I am
- 17 receiving my pension from Houston Police, yes.
- 18 Q. Yes? Are you receiving a pension from TSU?
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- 20 Q. No. Okay. I thought that you had retired,
- 21 I'm sorry -- that you retired from TSU.
- 22 A. Mr. Keeney, I have not met with anyone since
- 23 they mailed -- since they taped a letter to my door.
- 24 Q. Uh-huh.
- 25 A. They taped a letter to my door. I have not

- A. It's very hard to apply for a chief of 2 police job. A lot of times those jobs don't come
- vacant often. Those persons tend to stay in those
- jobs at least 10 to 12 years, although the life span
- 5 of the career is about five or so.
- 6 So I have applied for several different
- jobs, but because of this litigation that's hanging
- over me -- Constable Rosen's Office, that's Precinct
- 1; Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department, Fagan;
- Precinct 2 in Waller County; Precinct 8 in Harris 10
- 11 County, Sheriff [sic] Eagleton; Precinct 7 was May
- Walker. I couldn't go back to the Houston Police 12
- Department because I had retired from there. I even 13
- 14 applied for Spring ISD.
- So I have applied for several different 15
- agencies -- Missouri City Police Department, Prairie 16
- View A&M Univ -- I have applied for several different 17
- police departments as the police chief --18
- Q. Uh-huh. 19
- 20 A. -- and, again, it's extremely hard to get
- 21 employment. I'm over 50, Mr. Keeney. And, listen,
- to gain gainful employment over 50 for a job as the 22
- police chief is extremely hard. And so when this 23
- 24 happened to me two and a half years ago that I didn't
- expect, I wasn't prepared either.

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- 1 been afforded the opportunity to get any of my
  - belongings. When you asked me if I had their
  - belongings, I have not had an opportunity to talk
  - about any benefits that I'm afforded or anything.
    - So since that letter was taped on my
  - 6 door in 2023, I have not had any contact with Texas
  - 7 Southern University at all.
  - 8 Q. Okay. That's fine. I just misunderstood.
  - I thought that you had indicated that you were
  - drawing a retirement payment or a pension payment
  - 11 from TSU, but it's from Houston Police Department?
  - A. No. That's the other Young, Crumpton-Young 12
  - 13 is drawing her retirement. They allowed her to
  - 14 retire --

- 15 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, who?
- 16 THE WITNESS: The president,
- Crumpton-Young. They allowed her to retire from TSU. 17
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. I know it might be
- difficult to answer this question, but do you know 19
- when -- or when were you planning to retire from TSU?
- 21 A. I was at the top of my game, I say, I say.
- And we were doing some tremendous things. Again, we
- had just overcome a lot of things, from a hurricane
- to COVID, to reimaging this new form of policing,
- getting more students.

170 172 At least another ten years. At least 1 always over the top and excessive. 2 ten years. I was not trying to go anywhere soon. 2 Going through an academy, meaning that 3 This was going to be my retirement. I was not trying you are now going through all the channels that it 4 to leave TSU. I think that that was so much that takes to get the training, the education, topics, 5 needed to be done on that campus, especially with our 5 subjects, you become a subject matter expert. students, so I was not trying to go anywhere. All those things are needed to become a 7 Q. All right. police chief, because not only are you speaking for 8 MR. KEENEY: I believe that I'm finished the things that you do yourself, but you hold 9 with my questions, so if you'll excuse me, and have everyone that's under you accountable, and then they 10 -- and we'll have one more five-minute break, so that have to do those same things. And so it's necessary 11 I can just make sure that I didn't miss anything. to get that training. It's necessary to have those 12 Then we can come back, and I'll wrap up. 12 13 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. It's not freely given. You have to earn 14 MR. KEENEY: Thank you. 14 it, and there's a lot of hours in training that you 15 THE REPORTER: Back on at 3:15. have to put into it. 16 16 (Recess 3:09 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.) Q. How many hours in training? 17 MR. KEENEY: All right. Ms. Young, 17 A. So Texas, the hours are at least 80 hours. You have to go through the Bill Blackwood Law 18 thank you, again, for your time. I have no further questions, and I'll pass the witness. Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. That's 19 20 THE REPORTER: You are muted, Taren. the LEMIT. That's for any police chief in the state 21 MS. MARSAW: Thanks. That will be of Texas, you have to go through that training. You 22 necessary for you to hear me. Thank you. 22 cannot be a police chief unless you go through that 23 23 training. 24 24 Then there is hours of just TCOLE, which 25 is our licensing agency. Those are hours that TCOLE 171 173 **EXAMINATION** 1 1 requires you to also have. So there's an abundance 2 BY MS. MARSAW: 2 of education and topics and training that you must 3 Q. I have quite a few questions for you. Let's 3 have, and you must keep that standard in those 4 start with your qualifications, because I believe 4 education and training courses accurate, if you wish that you were asked earlier in the deposition what it 5 to remain in that position. 6 takes in order to become a chief inside of the TSU 6 Q. Okay. And so you did the 80 hours? department. And I think you said something along the 7 A. Yes, I did the TCOLE hours and the new lines of integrity, honesty, ability to do the job. 8 police chief hours, yes, in the same year because, 8 9 Can you tell me what formal requirements again, when I was appointed to the police chief, I you had to have? had already taken my hours from TCOLE with the 10 11 A. Yeah. So the formal requirements, of 11 Houston Police Department. And I came on to TSU in course, is the academia. Secondly, would be the law 12 March of 2017 to take the supervisory courses for 12 enforcement training. Thirdly, would be some type of 13 chief in, I think it was, August or so. 13 Q. Okay. And you did the Bill Blackwood Law leadership or supervisory skills or an academy for 14 that. And then thir -- finally, would probably be 15 Enforcement --15 16 the ability to navigate through pressing times and 16 A. I did. 17 Q. -- training? 17 see how you're able to handle conflict resolutions. 18 Q. Okay. So let's take these one by one, if 18 A. Yes, ma'am. 19 you don't mind. 19 Q. You say you came from a police department. 20 A. Okay, okay. How long were you at the police department? 21 Q. Tell me about the academia piece. What does 21 A. 20 years with the Houston Police Department. 22 22 Q. Okay. Is Houston Police Department one of A. So generally, a bachelor's degree is 23 the larger police departments in the country? 23 24 customary, a master's degree is preferred, and, of A. The fourth largest in the nation and the 25 course, a doctoral, anything higher than that is largest in the state.

- 1 Q. Okay. And did you have any blemish on your
- 2 record, any write-ups for bad behavior at police --
- 3 at Houston Police Department?
- 4 A. No. I -- and actually, I received,
- 5 throughout my career, Officer of the Year, maybe
- 6 twice. Now, this is out of 5,000 officers. So
- 7 Officer of the Year, twice; Crisis and Prevention
- 8 Officer of the Year, once.
- 9 I received the Chief's
- 10 Accommodation [sic] twice. I was -- when I retired,
- 11 I was the community service specialist for all of
- 12 Southwest Houston. So I was a very well-known
- 13 officer with the Houston Police Department. Because
- 14 I wanted to learn more, so I purposely put myself
- 15 around people that were doing great things in the
- 16 city, and I purposely put myself around police
- 17 chiefs. So I got the knowledge of how to conduct
- 18 myself as a police chief as well as the education to
- 19 hold the position as the police chief.
- 20 So I had no blemishes on my record. I
- 21 had a really good -- a really good performance. In
- 22 fact, I really owe Houston Police Department, and I
- 23 give them the credit, because I know they're probably
- 24 wanting the credit -- I give them credit for my
- 25 professional career.

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- 1 seconds, just tell me the rank from bottom all the
  - 2 way up to top, top being chief.
  - 3 A. So we start off as an officer, corporal,
  - 4 sergeant, lieutenant, captain, deputy chief, and

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- 5 chief.
- 6 Q. Okay. And so it's fair to say, based on
- 7 that rank, that Sergeant Barnett was -- sergeant,
- 8 lieutenant, captain, deputy chief, he was four people
- 9 in between -- or four ranks in between you and him?
- 10 A. Yes
  - Q. Okay. All right. So let's do this. I want
- 12 to go back to for -- administrative leave quite a
- 13 bit?

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- 14 THE REPORTER: Hang on just a second.
- 15 You froze for me. I don't know if she did for you,
- 16 Ms. Young?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I didn't -- I didn't
- 18 get it.
- 19 THE REPORTER: Okay. Your whole
- 20 question was just gone. So can you just --
- 21 MS. MARSAW: Oh, it's okay.
- 22 THE REPORTER: -- start over.
- 23 MS. MARSAW: It's okay. It's all right.
- 24 THE REPORTER: Okay.
- 25 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) So I'm switching topics
- Q. Okay. Now, you said that from an academic
- 2 standpoint you either have a bachelor's, a master's,
- 3 PhD. Do you have either of those?
- 4 A. I have a master's degree. I have hours
- 5 toward a PhD. I have a certificate from Harvard in
- 6 their justice department. I have completed the FBI
- 7 leadership school.
- 8 As I was telling Mr. Keeney, I'm the
- 9 only HBCU person in the history of the FBI LEEDS 81
- 10 to have an HBCU person -- because most HBCUs, the
- 11 personnel doesn't get to a hundred officers, and this
- 12 particular leadership you have to have at least a
- 13 hundred officers or more to even be considered. So I
- 14 was one of the-- one of the ones selected for that.
- 15 So, yes, I had the academia.
- 16 Q. Okay. I want to kind of segue from that,
- 17 you having the academia. We talked a little bit
- 18 about the resignation of the sergeant.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. And him not having the academia to be placed
- 21 inside of a different department or wherever he was
- 22 being placed. Is there a rank inside of the police
- 23 department?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. And if you could, just in about ten

1 just a little bit.

- A. Okay.
- Q. When we were talking about -- you were shown
- 4 a letter, December 1st, 2022, letter. And you were
- 5 asked had you ever seen that letter? And on it --
- 6 you were asked to read it. And it said, "Notice of
- 7 Temporary Relief of Duties."
- 8 Do you remember that early in this
- 9 deposition?
- 10 A. So there were two letters. Is -- one was --
- 11 one was to Attorney Hall with his name on it, and the
- 12 other one had the December 1st, I think, yes.
- 13 Q. Yeah. I'm not asking about the letter
- 14 between Attorney Hall and the other individual.
- 15 A. Oh, okay, yes.
- 16 Q. So this one is the one where you were asked
- 17 to read what it said, and you were asked about
- 18 equipment being used or items that belonged to the --
- 19 to TSU and being on campus; it was something along
- 20 that line. Do you remember that letter?
- 21 A. Yes
- Q. Okay. You made mention that there was a
- 23 temporary restraining order that was in place?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did that temporary restraining order --

178 180 1 strike that. MS. MARSAW: I'm going to object right 2 Was that temporary restraining order for 2 here to the nonresponsive part, because I want us 3 your benefit? 3 to -- I want you to answer just the question that I'm 4 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 4 asking. 5 5 A. Okay. A. So the temporary restraining order was for everything, and it specifically said that no adverse 6 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) So I asked you what was the 7 employment or termination could be -- and I don't purpose of the temporary restraining order, and you know the verbiage, and I don't have it in front of said to protect you. Is that correct? 9 A. Yes. 9 me, but I know I received two temporary restraining 10 Q. Okay. And so you said there were two 10 11 I know they're both -- they're good for 11 temporary restraining orders, correct? 12 at least 14 days, and I had two that would have 12 A. Yes. carried me or something. But I don't remember the 13 Q. And so you had a temporary restraining order 13 14 verbiage of what you're saying -- of what you're 14 to protect you. Now, I'm going to get into the 15 asking me. 15 content. 16 Q. (BY MR. KEENEY) Okay. So I'm not -- I 16 Did the temporary restraining order 17 think I'm asking you a different question. 17 prevent Texas Southern University from firing you? 18 A. Okay. 18 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 19 Q. So I'm not asking the verbiage yet. 19 A. Yes. 20 20 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Did the temporary A. Okay. Q. We'll get there. restraining order prevent Texas Southern University 21 22 A. Okay. 22 from taking any adverse action against you? 23 Q. What I'm asking was, the temporary 23 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. Calls 24 restraining order, did you seek the temporary 24 for a legal conclusion. restraining order against TSU? 25 A. Yes. 179 181

A. Yes. MS. MARSAW: My computer is going -- I 1 2 Q. And what was the reason for the temporary 2 don't know if you can hear this, but my computer is 3 doing an alarm. That was very strange, give me one 3 restraining order? 4 A. So the first reason was because supposedly I 4 second. Let me put my computer on do not disturb. 5 had gotten this anonymous complaint, and I didn't Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Did the temporary know anything about an anonymous complaint and an restraining order that was granted for you against 6 investigation because -- again, I've been a police TSU prevent Texas Southern University from putting you on administrative leave? officer for quite some time. I understand the 8 government code and how things work when it comes to 9 Q. Yes. 10 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 10 police officers being accused or alleged of 11 committing something, and so that never took place 11 A. Yes. 12 12 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Did the temporary 13 So when I got that call in July via restraining order that you were granted by -- from Teams, I didn't think that to be an investigation. TSU allow to you go back to work? 14 14 That's just information asking me do I know anything 15 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 15 16 about the officers in their field training. 16 A. Yes. 17 17 So it was to protect me because of all the things that I had heard about being fired and being terminated. At that moment, when I filed for a 19 20 temporary restraining order, it was already out there

Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Did the temporary 18 restraining order that you received -- that you were granted by the judge and the court, did that temporary restraining order give you permission to go 21 back to work? 22 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 23 A. Yes

MS. MARSAW: Hold on a second. What's

Q. Hold on, hold on.

that I was going to be terminated, and it was just a

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182 184 1 MR. KEENEY: Calls for -- all of these 1 A. Correct. 2 call for a legal conclusion. 2 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that during the 3 MS. MARSAW: It calls for a legal 3 month of December you were returning to work and 4 conclusion for her to know what she's allowed to do going to work because you were instructed that that was permissible through the temporary restraining 5 under a temporary restraining order? MR. KEENEY: Correct. It requires the 6 order? 7 interpretation of a court order; calls for a legal 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. The other document that you were 8 conclusion. 9 MS. MARSAW: Okay. shown was a January 9th document. And in that 10 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Did your attorney interpret document at the bottom -- if we could pull that 11 the court order for you? document up? I don't know if we have -- it's still 12 A. Yes. 12 available? Q. Okay. And not to get into the actual 13 13 MR. KEENEY: It's in the chat if you conversation that took place between you and your 14 14 would like to pull it up. 15 attorney, okay? 15 MS. MARSAW: Can you see this A. Yes. 16 16 January 9th letter? 17 Q. This is a simple yes-or-no question. 17 MR. KEENEY: No. 18 18 MS. MARSAW: You cannot? What do you Under that interpretation, were you 19 instructed to return back to work? 19 see? 20 20 A. Yes. MR. KEENEY: It looks like a menu. It Q. Okay. And you had the first temporary 21 21 looks like a toolbar. restraining order granted on December 1st, correct? 22 MS. MARSAW: Okay. Give me one second. 22 23 A. Yes. 23 MR. KEENEY: Vanessa, is that what you 24 Q. And you said that it extended for 14 days. 24 see? So we know that from December 1st through 25 THE REPORTER: Yes. 25 183 185 1 December 14th that temporary restraining order is in MS. MARSAW: Uh-huh. Okay. Hold on one 2 place, correct? second. Let me try it another way. How about now? MR. KEENEY: Now, I can. 3 A. Yes. 3 4 Q. Did you have a second temporary restraining 4 MS. MARSAW: Okay. My apologies. 5 5 order? MR. KEENEY: That's okay. 6 A. Yes. 6 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) All right. I'm going to Q. And do you remember the date that that 7 zoom into this for a moment, and then I'm going to highlight this section down here, okay? second temporary restraining order was put in place? A. Okay. Can you repeat the first one in --9 you said it was from December the 1st to what? 10 10 Q. Chief Young, if you will see the second 11 Q. To December 14th. 11 sentence that started with "through counsel"? A. Well --12 12 13 Q. Let me ask the question different. 13 Q. Do you mind reading that sentence for me? 14 Was the second -- was the second 14 A. "Through counsel, we will work to coordinate temporary restraining order put in place to be the return of all TSU property in your possession, 15 15 effective for the duration of December? including the vehicle, keys, computer, access card, 16 17 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 17 mobile telephone, credit and/or procurement cards." A. Yes. I think the second one was 18 Q. All right. Chief Young, did TSU ever make 18 December 7th. 19 good on this comment? 19

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A. No.

MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form.

initiate this coordination of return of your items?

question. Let me ask you a different way.

MS. MARSAW: Yeah, that's a bad

Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Chief Young, did TSU ever

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23 24 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. All right. So you

21 made it -- you were asked a question about Christmas

Q. You said that you did indeed go on break

break and going on break.

25 when school went on break, correct?

A. Uh-huh.

186 188 Q. So you have these -- I'm backing up. So 1 penalty of perjury? 2 we're no longer in January 9th. I'm going back to 2 A. Yes. 3 where the temporary restraining order -- the Q. Did she, Darlene Brown, say, "I'm making all 4 temporary restraining orders -- make it plural --4 these statements under penalty of perjury"? 5 A. Oh, I misunderstood your question. No. 5 that you were granted were making it permissible for 6 you to return to work. That's where we are now, 6 Q. Okay. Did you see where any of the 7 okay? testimony that was read to you today was made under 8 the penalty of perjury? A. Okay. Q. So when you went to work and you showed up 9 A. No. 9 in compliance with these orders, did you have issues 10 10 Q. Did you see where any of the testimony that 11 with accessing your computer? you had to read out into the record today was made in 12 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 12 first person, meaning this person typed it themself? 13 13 A. No. A. Yes. 14 MS. MARSAW: What's the objection? 14 Q. Did you see in any of the things that you 15 MR. KEENEY: So you made a legal 15 were asked to read today that anyone signed saying that they in fact did say those things? 16 statement, a legal proposition, and I'm objecting to 16 the legal proposition that is being made in the 17 A. No. 17 course of that question. 18 Q. So is it fair to say that none of the record 18 19 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) When you returned to work, 19 that you read today about testimony was verified? 20 Chief Young, did you have issues -- in December, when 20 A. That's correct. you returned to work, did you have issues with 21 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form. 22 accessing your computer? 22 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. So we went over 23 A. Yes. 23 academia. We went over credentialing for you to 24 Q. And when you had those issues come up, did become the police chief. I want to go over something 25 you have your attorney reach out to general counsel 25 else I'm trying to figure out. This is where I want 187 189 1 of Texas Southern University? 1 to go. 2 A. Yes. 2 So you talked about the array of duties Q. And after those communications between your 3 for the police chief? 3 counsel and the counsel for Texas Southern 4 A. Uh-huh. 5 University, what was their response? 5 Q. Under the array of duties, you said that you 6 A. My computer would come back on; my access oversee all emergencies, correct? 6 7 card would work. It was just like that. 7 8 8 Q. Okay. And so is it fair to say that while Q. That you are the emergency manager? this restraining order was in place that was in your 9 A. Yes. 10 10 favor -- is it fair to say that anytime your counsel Q. That you implement protocol? 11 reached out to the school, they reauthorized your 11 A. Yes. 12 access and gave -- and granted you permission to do 12 Q. And that you put things in place and 13 your work? 13 determine strategy for moving forward? 14 14 A. Yes A. Yes. 15 Q. So then when we talk about this 15 Q. Okay. Is that the lion's share of police investigation that took place with Darlene Brown, we 16 chief work, as opposed to officer work? 17 17 were shown a few documents on the screen. And I know A. Oh, definitely police chief work. that you did not create these documents. And we can 18 Q. Okay. So at one point during this 19 pull them back up if needed. 19 conversation that you were having with TSU in this 20 Did you see -- did you notice with your deposition, you were asked about crucial moments. 21 own eyes, that Darlene Brown made any of these 21 A. Uh-huh.

5 these documents that anything she wrote was under the 25 Can you tell me what a crucial moment

statements under oath?

Q. Did you see with your own eyes on any of

A. No.

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Q. Okay. And it was a conversation about how

former President Crumpton-Young would call on these

male opinions during crucial moments.

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- 2 A. So let me make certain that I clarify that.
- 3 I don't mean she would just call the male chiefs
- during crucial moments. I was saying I remember
- particularly these moments because they were so
- crucial at nature of how they occurred. With the
- student being shot, that's not an everyday thing. So
- I partic -- I remember that as if it happened
- 9 yesterday.
- 10 President Crumpton-Young would call
- 11 males regardless. Me, having the ability to do my
- 12 job in any capacity, whether it's a crucial moment or
- 13 an everyday occurrence, I was just particularly
- pointing that out because he asked me do I remember a 14
- 15 particular moment, but it was all the time.
- 16 As the police chief, I'm required to do
- these jobs every day, so it's not just a crucial 17
- moment. I just remember a particular incident, and I
- wanted to answer his question. 19
- 20 Q. Yeah.
- 21 A. I don't know if I answered your question.
- 22 Q. I think so.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. So if this was an everyday occurrence, then
- 25 I kind of want to -- I want to ask you a question

- 1 used went over her head; she just ignored me. She
- 2 ignored -- she completely ignored what I said, and he
- said the exact same thing.
- Q. Do you know -- I think that -- I have the
- 5 interpretation of some things. One of the questions
- that you were asked is: Did you ever tell former
- President Crumpton-Young that you were being
- discriminated against? Do you remember that
- 9 question?
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- 11 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you a different
  - 12 question.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. Did former President Crumpton-Young say to
- 15 you that she was discriminating -- strike that. Let
- me -- let me ask a different question. 16
- 17 A. Okay.

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- 18 Q. Did Crumpton-Young, through her conversation
- 19 with you, intimate that she was discriminating?
  - MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form.
- 21 A. Can you repeat that one?
- 22 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Sure. Did Crumpton-Young,
- through her conversations that you -- you had
- personally with Crumpton-Young --24
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- about something that you made mention of.
- 2 You said that sometimes you would make
- these suggestions as the female chief, and then --3 your deputy chief, or was it your assistant chief?
- 5 A. It's both. It's -- a deputy chief is the
- 6 same as an assistant chief; it just depends on what
- Q. Okay. Understood. And so you would give 8
- 9
- 10 A. Can you give me a second? My pen dropped.
- 11
- A. Okay. I didn't want to fall off the chair, 12
- 13 so -- it's too embarrassing on camera, so...okay.
- 14 Sorry.
- Q. All right. You would give them the words to 15
- 16 say, correct?
- A. Yes. 17
- Q. Okay. So when you would suggest things, 18
- they would go over President Crumpton-Young's head? 19
- 20 A. So not so much that it went over her head.
- She knew exactly what I was saying. She just ignored 21
- 22 me. She just preferred to hear from the male.
- My assistant chief -- my deputy chief is 23
- 24 a male, and it was the exact same thing that I had
- said. And so it wasn't that a figure of speech I

- Q. -- did she imply to you that she was
  - discriminating?
    - MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form.
  - 4 A. I remember -- I remember the conversation
- 5 she and I had, and she told me that she was going to
- be the only powerful Young on campus. I remember
- specifically Crumpton-Young saying that she
- prefers -- and it sticks out to me, because it's like
- she said it and I'm hearing her say it. She prefers
- male police -- male police chiefs over female police
- 11 chiefs because she's never worked with a female
- police chief before. 12
- Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. And so on that 13
- preference of wanting a male police chief, do you 14
- 15 feel that that preference motivated her actions
- 16 towards you?
- 17 MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form.
- 18 A. I think --
- MS. MARSAW: Hold on a second. What's 19
- 20 the objection?
- 21 MR. KEENEY: I'll withdraw the
- 22 objection. You said "do you feel," so...
- 23 MS. MARSAW: Vanessa, do you mind
- 24 reading that guestion back?
- 25 THE REPORTER: "And so on that

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1	preference of wanting a male police chief, do you	1	understanding that former President Crumpton-Young	
	feel that that preference motivated her actions	2	knew of the anonymous complaint before it was filed?	
3	towards you??	3	A. It is my understanding that this anonymous	
4	MR. KEENEY: I was making the objection	4	complaint only came about yes, yes, yes.	
5	based on speculation, but you said "do you feel," so	5	Q. Was the conversation that you heard from	
6	I'll allow it.	6	Sergeant Barnett telling folks that you were possibly	
7	A. Yes.	l _		
8		7	going to be terminated, was that conversation before the anonymous complaint surfaced?	
	Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. So as you sit here	8	•	
9	today, do you know if President Crumpton-Young knew	9	A. And the answer is yes, because I didn't know	
	•	10	anything about an anonymous complaint until July,	
1	A. Sergeant Barnett said he received	11	when I got a Teams call. But throughout the year, I	
2	information that I was going to be terminated and	12	was hearing that I was going to be terminated.	
3	that he had gotten it from President Young, so, yes.	13	That started as early as March or April,	
4	MR. KEENEY: Can I interrupt? I'm so	14	and then this anonymous complaint supposedly had	
5	sorry, my computer is telling me that I need to	15	taken place, dated back in January.	
6	restart my computer or it will restart automatically	16	Q. Okay. I want to go back to a line of	
7	for me in five minutes. Can I do that really quickly	17	questioning that was asked, and it appeared to me	
8	and then come back?	18	that you were asked about leadership roles and your	
9	MS. MARSAW: Absolutely. We can take a	19	capacity to work collaboratively.	
0	five-minute break.	20	And then you were asked did you ever	
1	MR. KEENEY: So, so sorry. Thank you.	21	have difficulty managing effectively. Tell me how	
2	THE REPORTER: Off the record at	22	you perceive that question.	
3	11:49 [sic].	23	A. The question that I the way I perceive	
24	(Recess 3:49 to 3:57 p.m.)	24	the question was did I have a problem with knowing my	
25	MR. KEENEY: Sorry, again.	25	job, like was I not qualified to do the job.	
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1	MS. MARSAW: That's all right. Vanessa,	1	Q. Okay. So when you were asked did you ever	
2	can you read the last question that I asked?	2	have issues managing effectively or did you ever lose	
3	(Brief pause.)	3	control over your officers, tell me how you perceived	
4	THE REPORTER: (Muted.)	4	those questions as a collective.	
5	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I can't hear	5	A. I perceived those questions, again, as if I	
6	anything. I'm sorry.	6	had any knowledge on the job itself, like do I know	
7	THE REPORTER: (Unmuted.) Can you hear	7	how to lead? Do I know how to manage? Do I know how	
8	me?	8	to handle stressful situations.	
9	THE WITNESS: Yes.	9	Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to pose a different	
0	THE REPORTER: I did such a good read	10	question then.	
1	back. I'm sorry you missed it.	11	A. Okay.	
2	"Okay. So as you sit here today, do you	12	Q. In reality of your day-to-day while you were	
3	know if President Crumpton-Young knew of the	13	at Texas Southern University, did you have issues	
4	anonymous complaint?	14	managing your officers effectively because of	
5	Answer: Sergeant Barnett said he	15	external things?	
	received information that I was going to be	16	MR. KEENEY: Objection. Form.	
7	terminated and that he had gotten it from President	17	A. When I got to Texas Southern in 2017, there	
8	Young, so, yes."	18	were no issues on how I handled anything, supervised	
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19 And then Mr. Kenney said, "Can I

20 interrupt?"

21 MS. MARSAW: All right. So we are right

22 where we need to be.

23 Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. Chief Young, I want

24 to make sure that the record is clear.

25 As you sit here today, is it your 22 termination, I felt, as a female police chief, my 23 authority was undermined. I will stick to it. I

19 or whatever. In 2021 and towards 2022, or all of

20 2022, my authority, in my opinion, how I felt, and

21 even still to this day, because of the wrongful

24 believe that it was a power play.

25 I believe the president had a goal that

200 198 1 she wanted to accomplish. I believe my officers, 1 jobs available to match those skill sets. And I 2 specifically Sergeant Barnett, was targeted. I applied with several different agencies. 3 believe he was somewhat coerced to do some things. Q. Okay. And is it your feeling that one of And so it made it extremely difficult. Because I the reasons you have not been gainfully employed has 5 know my job. I know my worth. I know what I can do. to do with the noise that has accompanied this wrongful termination? 7 This wasn't my first time. I had been A. Lots of noise. I have had social media posts where people stated that I was terminated 8 on a campus four years prior to her coming, almost 9 five years prior to her coming. So I knew my job. because I stole money from the students. I have 10 I said it early in my testimony, I was people, walking down -- if I'm walking down the 11 nominated, voted, and awarded the Chief of Police for street or just in common area asking me what happened 12 105 HBCUs. My peers selected me based on what I did. 12 to me at TSU. I have people saying that -- "TSU is always TSU." 13 I didn't do it by myself. Collectively, 13 collaboratively, like I told him, I'm that type of 14 I have had so many negative things 14 15 leader. We all did it, and Texas Southern University 15 associated with me throughout this whole ordeal than got that award. I've ever had my entire life over something that I 16 16 17 When Crumpton-Young came and she 17 did nothing. preference that she preferred a male chief and a 18 Q. Uh-huh. 18 female -- over a female chief, everything that I had 19 MS. MARSAW: Well, I think that that's 19 20 my final question for you. So I'll pass the witness. worked for, that I stood for, went down because she 20 MR. KEENEY: Okay. Just really quickly. 21 did not see me as a person who was equipped to do the 21 22 I just wanted to confirm something, or clarify one 22 job. 23 I don't know if I was inferior to her or 23 thing. 24 24 what, but she preferred the gender of a male to give her the instructions and the directions for the 25 199 department that I was leading. FURTHER EXAMINATION 1 2

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Q. (BY MS. MARSAW) Okay. And so is it fair to

say that you struggled to perform your job as a 3

police chief because of her behavior? 4

A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

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7 A. It is fair to say that, yes.

Q. Okay. And is it fair to say that your

authority was constantly challenged because of her

behavior? 10

11 A. Yes, definitely fair to stay that.

Q. Okay. And then I'm going to touch on just 12

probably one more thing, and then I'll probably be 13

wrapped up. You said that because of the litigation 14

you haven't been hired? 15

16 Is it because you went to the court and

filed paperwork that they won't hire you? 17

A. No. There are certain standards in all

professions. Government is no different, especially 19

20 on a police department. When you're overqualified,

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you are going -- you're going to be denied on certain

22 job positions.

23 And so I wanted to apply for a job that

was conducive to my skills, conducive to the time I put in for the position, my worth. And there were no BY MR. KEENEY:

Q. Ms. Young, if you remember, I asked you if

you knew whether or not Ms. Crumpton-Young was aware

of the complaint before it was filed. And, if I

6 remember correctly, you said you did not know.

7 Ms. Marsaw asked if you had an

understanding that Ms. Crumpton-Young knew of the

complaint before it was filed, and you said that it

was your understanding. 10

11 Did I describe both of those questions

and your corresponding answers correctly? 12

13 A. Yeah. So let me go back to both answers.

14 And, so the way you worded, again, the complaint that

15 I'm speaking of, I knew nothing about that complaint

16 until July.

17 When I met with Crumpton-Young in

August, she said she found out about the complaint.

19 I don't know when she found out about the complaint.

20 As far as her knowledge of the

complaint, I believe she knew because Sergeant

Barnett, before this anonymous complaint or before

this call to me in July -- so I'm talking about the

call that I had in July, that was the first I knew

about an anonymous complaint.

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1	Apparently, this anonymous complaint had	1	carrying on, but this is my livelihood. This is my	_0 ,
2	already been surfacing, because Sergeant Barnett had	2	livelihood. I am over 50 years old. I can't go back	
3	already expressed to the department that the	3	to my 20s. And so, yes, to your question, but I	
4	president was going to get rid of me. Get rid of me	4	wanted to point that out.	
5	because of what?	5	Q. Sorry, what were you saying yes to?	
6	So if he's saying that and this is	6	A. To the question that you asked me. Do I	
7	before July, and I only hear about a complaint in	7	believe that this affected me? Did you not ask that	
8	July, one would think he's talking about this	8	question	
9	anonymous complaint that only he and the president	9	Q. 1	
10	knows about. I don't know anything about it.	10	A or I did make up that question?	
11	I don't meet with the president until	11	Q. I don't think I did.	
12	August. I don't hear anything about a complaint	12	A. Okay.	
13	until July, but yet and still from January to August	13	Q. But	
14	that's all I heard, that I was going to get	14	A. Well, if you wanted to ask that question,	
15	terminated.	15	that was my answer.	
16	Q. Okay. Well, I thank you. I think that	16	Q. Okay. I'm not sure if I asked it exactly	
17	clears it up. I'm wondering, do you know if	17	this way, but my question was simply, do you have any	
18	Ms. Crumpton-Young was aware of the complaint before	18	facts or is there any evidence or information in your	
19	January 2022, before it was filed with the	19	possession showing to you that Ms. Crumpton-Young	
20	EthicsPoint hotline or EthicsPoint system?	20	knew of the complaint before it was filed with the	
21	MS. MARSAW: Objection. Form.	21	EthicsPoint hotline?	
22	A. I would still like to see the EthicsPoint	22	A. I need to see the EthicsPoint hotline. I	
23	hotline. I had worked there since 2017 and never	23	requested it, and I have nothing.	
24	knew about an ethics hotline that existed, and they	24	Q. Okay.	
25	have yet to provide that for me. So if you have	25	So there was nothing presented to me from	
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December 1, 2022

Via E-mail: bhall@thlf.us, myteam@thlf.us

Ms. Mary Young c/o Mr. Ben Hall, Esq. The Hall Law Group, PLLC 530 Lovett Blvd. Houston, Texas 77006

Subject:

Notice of Temporary Relief of Duties

Dear Chief Young:

On August 25, 2022, our Acting Chief Audit Executive, Ms. Darlene Brown, presented you with a signed written complaint. The complaint relates to your actions as the University's Chief of Police. Resulting from the investigation, there is evidence to prove the allegations of your misconduct, which violates the following policies:

- 02.05.06 Fraud Policy,
- 02.05.05 Ethics & Conflict of Interest,
- 02.02.01 Pay Guidelines for Staff Employees, and
- 02.02.03 Overtime/Compensatory Time.

Effective immediately, you are temporarily relieved of your duties as Chief of Police with pay until further notice. The University will make an ultimate decision on your employment status. Throughout the duration of this paid administrative leave, we request that you refrain from being on campus grounds, attending University-sanctioned events, and utilizing any University-owned items (e.g., vehicle, uniform, keys, computer, mobile telephone, etc.) until such a time as you are otherwise notified.

You are directed not to attempt to contact anyone concerning the above-identified investigation, anyone who has made allegations, anyone who is a witness to the allegations, or anyone providing information to the investigation and/or complaint. You are further directed not to retaliate in any shape, form, or fashion, against anyone who has made allegations, anyone who is a witness to the allegations, and/or anyone providing information to the investigation and/or complaint.

Retaliation is defined under University policies as any act, including an adverse personnel action, that has the effect of punishing a person for making a complaint or otherwise participating in an investigation of a complaint, including any act of intimidation, harassment, threats, coercion or discrimination. Any contact with or retaliation against persons involved in the matters identified above, in violation of the directives issued in this letter and University policies, will result in immediate disciplinary action.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please call Yolanda Edmond, Sr. Assoc. Vice President of Human Resources & Payroll Services. The Office of Human Resources is located in Hannah Hall, Suite 126, or (713) 313-7521. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devi Bala

Vice President of Business & Finance/CFO

Enclosures:

Original Complaint and Signed Complaint

Cc:

Ms. Mary Young - E-mail, CMRRR & Regular Mail

The following matter was received via the EthicsPoint Hotline on 3/24/2022.

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From: Le, Hao <Hao.Le@tsu.edu>

Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 6:45 PM

To: Benjamin Hall <br/>
<br/>bhall@thlf.us>; MyTeam <myteam@thlf.us>

**Subject:** Administrative Leave with Pay

#### Dear Ben:

I sent you correspondence yesterday on behalf of our VP of Business & Finance/CFO regarding your client being placed on immediate administrative leave with pay. I have been apprised that your client showed up today on the University campus in complete disregard of her administrative leave. I would ask that you advise your client and remind her regarding the conditions of her administrative leave, which is to refrain from:

- 1. Being on campus grounds,
- 2. Attending University-sanctioned events,
- 3. Utilizing any University-owned items (e.g., vehicle, uniform, keys, computer, mobile telephone, etc.), and
- 4. Retaliation.

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This e-mail is confidential. Please do not forward. If this e-mail is delivered to an unintended recipient, please delete immediately without storing any of the content. Thank you.

> Exhibit **Mary Young** 02/27/25 VT



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January 9, 2023

Via Courier, CMRRR, Regular Mail, and E-mail (through counsel)

Ms. Mary Young 2818 Sedona Creek Drive Missouri City, Texas 77459

Subject:

Notice of Employment Separation

Dear Ms. Young:

As you know, Texas Southern University ("TSU") is committed to the safety of its students, faculty, and staff. That commitment is reflected in the creation and operation of the University's Department of Public Safety ("TSU DPS"). Such effective and efficient operation require a focus on safety. It has come to TSU's attention that there is confusion, divisiveness, dissention, and acrimony throughout TSU DPS — all caused by your actions despite repeated requests to cease. This has distressed TSU DPS's members, resulting in contemplated resignations and sick-leave usage. In addition, please see the specific findings regarding your fraudulent conduct detailed at length in the investigator's report that you have had in your possession.

TSU no longer has the confidence that you can continue to be a contributing member of the TSU DPS with our ongoing focus on safety. You have intentionally violated the terms of your paid administrative leave communicated on December 1, 2022. In fact, multiple TSU DPS officers have testified via affidavit — which is on file in the spurious lawsuit you filed — that you and your counsel have gone so far as threatening them individually and in-person on TSU's campus.

Accordingly, please allow this letter to serve as notice of immediate termination of your at-will employment with TSU. Through counsel, we will work to coordinate the return of all TSU property in your possession, including vehicle, keys, computer, access card, mobile telephone, credit and/or procurement cards. Your presence on campus grounds or attendance at any TSU-sanctioned event is strictly prohibited.

Exhibit Mary Young

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Through respective counsel, please contact the Office of Human Resources for information regarding any benefits for which you may be eligible (e.g., TRS, COBRA, etc.) at (713) 313-7521.

Sincerely,

Devi Bala

Vice President of Business & Finance/CFO

Human Resources Department Cc: Benjamin Hall (bhall@thlf.us)

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Ms. Mary Young 2818 Sedona Creek Drive Missouri City, Texas 77459

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**Date:** August 15, 2022

From: Darlene Brown, Acting Chief Audit Executive

To: Texas Southern University Board of Regents

Cc:

President Crumpton-Young
Ms. Lisa McBride, TSU Board Counsel

Re: Internal Audit Investigation Report, TSU Department of Public Safety Time Recording Practices

Our conclusion to the allegation is stated on page six of this report. Applicable policy violation discussions begin on page six of this report. Examples of Weekly Time Reports related to this investigation are included in Appendix C on pages 15 and 16 of this report.

## Allegation

An anonymous report was submitted to Texas Southern University's Ethics Line on March 24, 2022. This report alleged:

- The Chief of Police (Mary Young) verbally gave a directive at a supervisor's meeting in January 2022 that she would raise pay for "Lead Officers".
- The "Lead Officer" pay is two (2) hours a day for up to five (5) days a week for field training pay. (Note: The "Lead Officer" designation was created internally by the Chief of Police and is not an official job classification or pay category. Through this investigation we determined that there were two distinct types of pay that the Chief of Police authorized; "Lead Officer" and Field Officer Training.)
- These pay types were not approved by the President or Board of Regents.
- Seven individuals were named in the anonymous report as receiving the "Lead Officer" pay:
  - McAfee, Gaynell
    - Officer McAfee received the \$25/hr. additional pay for "Lead Officer" when filling-in for her supervisor.
    - Investigation Interview Summary: Officer McAfee stated that the Chief of Police did tell her that she will be compensated for the hours worked as a "Lead Officer". The DPS timekeeper instructed Officer McAfee to record the hours either before or after the actual shift times worked. Officer McAfee still serves as "Lead Officer" but was told by Lt. J. Starks on behalf of Deputy Chief Brown and Captain Etheridge after this Internal Audit investigation started that they can no longer use the special code provided to receive additional compensation.

### o Ward, James

- Officer Ward received the \$25/hr. additional pay for "Lead Officer" when filling-in for his supervisor.
- Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Ward stated that he was told by Chief of Police (Mary Young) after a supervisor's meeting for himself and Officer McAfee to stay behind. It was then that the Chief of Police told them she would compensate them for doing a good job and that they should see the DPS timekeeper, to use the special code when acting as supervisor, and where to place the special work code on the Weekly Time Report. The DPS timekeeper told Officer Ward to record the hours for different days or time periods for when he did not actually work. Additionally, Officer Ward was told that a Compensation Request Form was not completed for these hours. Instead, the DPS timekeeper prepared a Supplemental Salary Form for him to sign and return each Monday morning. The DPS timekeeper also told Officer Ward to provide his Weekly Time Report to Lt. Bridges for approval instead of his direct supervisor.

Officer Ward stated that the Chief of Police met with Officers Ward, McAfee, and Holiday after the weekly supervisors meeting during the week of July 4, 2022 and questioned them on who told them to record their time in the manner of which they were recording it. The Chief of Police then proceeded to tell them that going forward they have to work the additional four hours but that they can't put it on their Weekly Time Sheets until August 1st and that they would be only allowed four hours per pay period.

### Holiday, John

- Officer Holiday received the \$25/hr. additional pay for "Lead Officer" when filling-in for his supervisor.
- Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Holiday stated that the Chief of Police told him around May 2022 that he will be compensated for the hours worked as a "Lead Officer".
   The DPS timekeeper instructed Officer Holiday to record the hours for different days or time periods for when he did not actually work.

Officer Holiday stated that his immediate supervisor (Sgt. Allison) was not aware of the reason/purpose of the special code. Sgt. Allison did ask Officer Holiday, but Officer Holiday was instructed by Chief Young not to inform his supervisor. Officer Holiday was told by Chief Young to take his timesheet to Ms. Scruggs and the Chief would sign-off.

### Sawyer, Jujuana

- Officer Sawyer received the two hours per day Field Training Officer pay for completing paperwork.
- Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Sawyer stated that she was told by either the Sargent or Deputy Chief Brown that field training officers were allowed to record two additional hours a day to complete paperwork. Officer Sawyer stated that the hours she recorded were not always the same day that she had an officer assigned to her.

### o Jones , Chevron

- Officer Jones received the two hours per day Field Training Officer pay for completing paperwork.
- Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Jones stated that he was told by Lt. Bridges that an additional two hours a day could be recorded for Field Officer Training to complete paperwork.

### o Jones, Tyronne

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- Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Jones stated that he was told by Lt. Bridges
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  complete paperwork. The two hours were recorded on the same day that an officer was

assigned to him for training, regardless of if it took the two hours to complete the paperwork.

- o Cantu, Bethany
  - Officer Cantu received the two hours per day Field Training Officer pay for completing paperwork.
  - Investigation Interview Summary: Officer Cantu stated that she was told by Lt. Bridges that an additional two hours a day could be recorded for Field Officer Training to complete paperwork as a pay incentive. The two hours were recorded on the same day that an officer was assigned to her for training, regardless of if it took the two hours to complete the paperwork.
- Six individuals were named in the anonymous report as authorized to sign the time sheets:
  - o Lieutenant Bridges, James
    - Lt. Bridges separated from TSU.
  - o Lieutenant Jones, Ivan
    - Investigation Interview Summary: Lt. Jones stated that he was not aware of the "Lead Officer" additional compensation or code used. Lt. Jones stated that Deputy Chief Brown and Lt. Bridges verbally communicated that Field Training Officers were allowed to record two additional hours a day to complete paperwork.
  - o Sergeant McCray, Brian
    - Did not interview as his assigned staff did not receive Field Training Officer extra pay or "Lead Officer Pay".
  - o Sergeant Barnett, Darren
    - Investigation Interview Summary:
      - Sergeant Barnett stated that he is aware that the Chief of Police announced that Officers Ward and Holiday would be compensated for filling in for supervisors on their respective supervisor's days off.
      - Sergeant Barnett stated that he is aware that Field Training Officers were told by the Chief of Police that they could add two hours a day to their time sheets for completing paperwork.
      - After this investigation commenced, Sergeant Barnett informed TSU's Acting Chief Audit Executive that he received a telephone call from one of the TSU DPS officers that certain officers were being questioned about their time recording practices.
  - o Lieutenant Starks, Jamal
    - Investigation Interview Summary:
      - Lt. Starks stated that he is aware that the Chief of Police announced Officers Ward and Holiday would be compensated for filling in for supervisors on their respective supervisor's days off.
      - Lt. Starks stated that he is aware that Field Training Officers were told by the Chief of Police that they could add two hours a day to their time sheets for completing paperwork.
  - Sergeant John-Miller, Curtis
    - Did not interview as his assigned staff did not receive Field Training Officer extra pay or "Lead Officer Pay".

### **Additional Interview Summaries**

### Chief of Police Young Investigation Interview Summary:

The Chief of Police stated that she would not tell officers to record time that was not worked and that according to policies they must have worked the time in order to record it.

The Chief of Police stated that there has been instances where supervisors (senior officers) have similar off days so others have had to cover their shifts. In these instances, the officers would work the shift but since they can't have a promotion they would receive compensation – it was not to be a daily or weekly thing. The Chief of Police authorized Officers Ward, McAfee, and Holiday that they can pick-up 8 hours bi-monthly not the 2 hours a day.

The Chief of Police stated that she did not direct Lieutenant Bridges, Lieutenant Jones, Sergeant Barnett, Lieutenant Starks, Sergeant McCray, Sergeant Brown, and Sergeant John-Miller to sign the timesheets for individuals to receive an additional two (2) hours per day field training pay.

The Chief of Police stated that all supervisor's meetings are recorded and that she would provide the Acting Chief Audit Executive with the recordings. She later called the Acting Chief Audit Executive to say that there were no supervisor meetings held in January 2022 (the time when the alleged verbal authorization for additional "Lead Officer" compensation occurred).

The Chief of Police asked if she should speak with the individuals that recorded overtime and I told her she should not.

### DPS Timekeeper (Ms. Chandra Scruggs) Investigation Interview Summary:

Ms. Chandra Scruggs works in the Building & Grounds department but has also been serving as the DPS timekeeper since the end of October 2020 or November of 2020.

Ms. Scruggs stated that she was not told what the FTO paperwork/FTO Documentation acronym was for but that she did not question it when processing Weekly Time Reports because they were signed by the respective supervisors.

Ms. Scruggs stated that the Chief of Police told Ms. Scruggs to create a code for individuals to use if they are acting in a supervisor role and that they are to receive \$25/hr on top of their regular hourly rate for the role. The Chief of Police told Ms. Scruggs that she can't promote them but wanted to compensate them. According to Ms. Scruggs, nobody was present for this conversation. Later, when the Dispatch Supervisor questioned the code on a Weekly Time Report the Chief's verbal answer to Ms. Scruggs was that they were to be paid the additional \$25/hr.

Ms. Scruggs stated that the code HRSTLDR is used to identify the hours worked as a "Lead Officer"/shift supervisor and that she prepares a separate sign-in sheet each pay period for this. When preparing the payroll, she includes this along with the Weekly Time Reports to Command for signature and then she delivers the signed pay packages to Human Resources (Payroll). Ms. Scruggs stated that she did tell Officers Ward, McAfee, and Holiday that they have to record the HRSTLDR hours as different times than the times they recorded for their shift.

### Deputy Chief of Police Brown Investigation Interview Summary:

The Deputy Chief of Police stated that he has been present when the Chief of Police verbally gave approval for Field Training Officers (FTO) to add two hours to their time each day. The Deputy Chief of Police stated that he may have repeated that Field Training Officers could record two hours for paperwork. It was supposed to be up to 2 hours, and he was not aware that this is a practice of recording time not worked but that they have to physically work the time.

The Deputy Chief of Police stated that Chief of Police Young advised leads (Lead Officers) that if they came in and were acting as a lead they could get compensated. He stated that the maximum allowed by the Chief of Police was a total of 16 hours a month.

The Deputy Chief of Police stated that he was present in a meeting the week of July 4, 2022 with Officers Ward, McAfee, and Ms. Scruggs when the Chief of Police asked who told them how to record their time.

The Dispatch Supervisor stated that Chief Young held Officers McAfee and Ward over after a supervisors meeting in February 2022 and told them that for two of the five days working as a supervisor/"Lead Officer" they would receive "special event" pay but she did not provide instruction on how to do this and told them to see the DPS timekeeper (Ms. Scruggs).

The Dispatch Supervisor stated that when saw Officer McAfee's Weekly Timesheet with the special code she called Ms. Scruggs and was told that Chief Young authorized the code. Since then, the Dispatch Supervisor has stopped signing Officer McAfee's Weekly Time Report area where the special event code is located.

The Dispatch Supervisor stated that on Wednesday July 6, 2022, the Chief of Police held a meeting with Sgt. Jones, Officer McCray, and Officer Dorsey and told them that an investigation was coming up and instructed for Officer Holiday to join the meeting.

### <u>Corporal Brian Auzenne Investigation Interview Summary:</u>

Corporal Brian Auzenne has assumed the Field Training Officer (FTO) coordinator role with the departure of Lieutenant Bridges. Corporal Auzenne stated that the former FTO coordinator stated that two additional hours could be recorded by Field Training Officers as part of training someone – either before or after the shift. Corporal Auzenne stated that it has not been directly communicated and that it was just understood that you can record two hours a day that you are with an officer.

Corporal Auzenne stated that Compensation Request Forms were not required to be completed for the two hours a day FTO paperwork completion but this has recently been mandated.

Note: Prior to assuming the FTO coordinator role, Corporal Auzenne also submitted two hours a day for FTO paperwork completion.

### Policies Applicable to this Allegation

Texas Southern University (TSU) approved four (4) Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures (MAPP) that apply to time reporting, pay, fraud, and ethics. Applicable sections of these MAPPS are summarized below and were used to apply the investigation facts learned.

- 02.02.01 Pay Guidelines for Staff Employees
  - Merit adjustments, equity adjustments, and reward-based increases must be part of the budget cycle and must meet approval of the Associate Vice President of Human Resources. All pay adjustments are subject to review, approval, and recommendation through established channels, including the Office of Human Resources.
  - Interim assignments. A temporary pay increase may be granted for assuming additional responsibilities on an interim basis for a specified period of time or until the vacant job is filled. The employee may receive a temporary pay increase of up to 25% of salary for the duration of the assignment, as recommended by the hiring manager and approved by Human Resources.
- 02.02.03 Overtime / Compensatory Time
  - All overtime and extra hours must be authorized in writing and in advance by the dean/director of the department.
  - Supervisors are responsible for monitoring the work hours of employees under their supervision and for ensuring that information reported on timesheets is complete and accurate.
- 02.05.05 Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy
   Employees shall avoid any actions that violate or would create the appearance that they are violating the law or ethical standards of Texas Southern University.

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02.05.06 Fraud Policy

Fraudulent or related dishonest activities include but are not limited to fraud;

Forgery or alteration of documents (checks, promissory notes, time sheets, independent contractor agreements, purchase orders, budgets, etc.)

Authorizing or receiving payments for hours not worked.

Management should not attempt to conduct individual investigations, interviews, or interrogations to determine if a suspected activity is fraudulent, dishonest, or improper.

Do not contact the suspected individual to determine facts or demand restitution. Under no circumstances should there be any reference to "what you did," "the crime", "the fraud," "the forgery," "the misappropriation," etc.

### Conclusion

Based upon the internal audit investigation procedures performed, the allegation received is substantiated and related to two (2) distinct types of additional compensation that Chief of Police Mary Young authorized verbally and when she signed the weekly time reporting packages provided by the DPS timekeeper. These compensation types are described below. Neither of these compensation types were discussed or approved by TSU Human Resources, the President, or the Board of Regents. MAPP 02.02.01 Pay Guidelines for Staff Employees requires review of pay adjustments by Human Resources.

Compensation Types Involved in this Internal Audit Investigation:

- "Lead Officer" compensation This compensation is a flat \$25/hour of additional compensation for security officers and dispatchers that were designated as the Lead Officer for a shift where their immediate supervisor was absent. Officers were instructed by the DPS Timekeeper (Ms. Chandra Scruggs) and/or Chief Young to use code HRSTLDR in the special events section of the weekly time report and record the actual number of hours worked as "Lead Officer" but to record it for different hours; either before their shift worked, after their shift worked, or on their day off.
- Field Training Officer compensation This is an additional two (2) hours pay at the respective officer's overtime hourly rate, for each day that they were training an officer. This additional compensation was to complete paperwork associated with assessing an officer's performance during training.

Texas Southern University (TSU) Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures (MAPP) 02.05.06 Fraud Policy defines fraud as:

Fraudulent or related dishonest activities include, but are not limited to:

- a. Theft of funds, securities, supplies or any other asset (including furniture, fixtures, or equipment);
- b. Fraud:
- c. Embezzlement;
- d. Bribery/rebate/kickback;
- e. Misapplication, destruction, removal or concealment of property, or conflicts of interest;
- f. Illegal or fraudulent handling or reporting of money transactions;
- g. Forgery or alteration of documents (checks, promissory notes, time sheets, independent contractor agreements, purchase orders, budgets, etc.);
- h. Forgery or alteration by employees, of student related items such as grades, transcripts, loans, fee or tuition documents, etc.;
- i. Acceptance or solicitation of any gift, favor or service that might reasonably tend to influence the employee in the discharge of his or her official duties;
- j. Destruction or disappearance of records, furniture, fixtures, or equipment where theft is suspected;
- k. Authorizing or receiving payments for hours not worked;
- I. Authorizing or receiving payments for goods not received or services not performed;
- m. Disclosing confidential information the employee is routinely privy to at the University;
- n. Any apparent violation of Federal, State, or local laws related to dishonest activities or fraud, and;
- o. Any similar or related activity.

In applying the TSU MAPP 02.05.06 definition of fraud, Chief of Police Mary Young committed fraud against TSU through authorizing payments for hours not worked when she authorized two (2) hours of overtime to Field Training Officers each day that they had an officer assigned to them, even if it did not take the full two hours each day to complete the paperwork.

The police officers that recorded time for Field Officer Training paperwork when they did not actually work the two hours constitutes fraudulent reporting. Officers stated that they did complete the required paperwork, but it did not always take the full two hours. An example of the Weekly Time Sheet is included in Appendix C.

The Chief of Police told the "Lead Officers" that they were to record their actual hours worked in the top section of the Weekly Time Report and then use the special code and record their same hours in the bottom section of the Weekly Time Report.

The DPS timekeeper instructed individuals that served as "Lead Officers" that they were to record the actual hours worked as normal hours on the top section of the Weekly Time Report. They then were to record the same number of hours on a different time period, or a different day than actually worked using a specially created code on the bottom section of the Weekly Time Report. This code identified that they were acting as the supervisor for the respective number of hours and should receive the flat \$25/hour for those hours. The result is that for each day the respective officer filled in for the supervisor, they worked an eight-hour shift but recorded 16 hours; eight of the hours were paid at the standard hourly rate and eight hours were paid at the \$25/hour rate. This constitutes fraudulent reporting because it gives the appearance that the individual worked additional hours when they did not. An example of the Weekly Time Sheet is included in Appendix C.

Individuals that recorded time for "Lead Officers" as instructed by the DPS timekeeper documented their time worked incorrectly.

### **Policy Violations**

The tables below describe the policy violations that occurred.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.05.06	Fraud Policy	III. Management's Responsibilities  E. Management should not attempt to conduct individual investigations, interviews, or interrogations to determine if a suspected activity is fraudulent, dishonest or improper. The Office of Internal Audit & Fraud will conduct an investigation working in conjunction with internal or external departments, such as the University Office of General Counsel and law enforcement agencies.  F. Management is responsible for taking appropriate corrective actions to ensure adequate controls exist to prevent the occurrence of fraud or dishonest or improper activities.  I. Management's responsibilities in handling fraud or dishonest or improper activities include the following:  1. Do not contact the suspected individual to determine facts or demand restitution. Under no circumstances should there be any reference to "what you did," "the crime", "the fraud," "the forgery," "the misappropriation," etc. ii. Take appropriate disciplinary action after consulting with the Office of Human Resources and the Office of General Counsel.  iii. Do not discuss the case, facts, suspicions or allegations with anyone outside the University unless specifically directed to do so by Internal Audit & Fraud or General Counsel.  iv. Do not discuss the case with anyone inside the University other than employees who have a "need to know," Internal Audit & Fraud or General Counsel.  v. Direct all inquiries from the suspected individual, his or her representative or his or her attorney to General Counsel.  VI. Direct all inquiries from the media to the Office of University Advancement.  A proper response to such an inquiry should be, "I'm not at liberty to discuss this matter."
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### Violation(s) to this Policy

The Chief of Police questioned certain officers about their time recording after interview with the Acting Chief Audit Executive and was told by the Acting Chief Audit Executive that she should not speak to the officers about this matter.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.05.05	Ethics & Conflict of Interest	III. Standards of Ethical Conduct G. Employees shall avoid any actions that violate or would create the appearance that they are violating the law or ethical standards of Texas Southern University.

### Violation(s) to this Policy

- 1. The Chief of Police took intentional actions to establish time recording practices that were not in compliance with TSU policies. These actions included authorizing two hours a day for Field Officer Training paperwork, instructing the DPS timekeeper to create a method for paying a flat rate of \$25/hour additional compensation for "Lead Officers", and showing "Lead Officers" how to record their time worked in the supervisor role.
- 2. Police officers recording time as Field Officer Training paperwork for hours not worked violates TSU policies.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.02.01	Pay Guidelines for Staff Employees	V. Policy and Procedures Provisions – Employee Pay Adjustments  Decisions to grant merit or equity or reward-based increases must be part of the budget cycle plan and can be initiated at the division level, if funds are available. Division initiated merit increases must meet the approval of the Associate Vice President of Human Resources/Chief Human Resource Officer to ensure that compliance and equity across the university are preserved.  VII. Policy Provisions – General  D. All pay adjustments are subject to review, approval, and recommendation through established channels, including the Office of Human Resources.
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### Violation(s) to this Policy

While the "Lead Officer" additional hourly rate is not technically a merit or equity-based increases by definition, Section VII was violated because this additional \$25/hour rate was not reviewed, approved, or recommended through the established channels, including the Office of Human Resources.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.02.01	Pay Guidelines	VI. Types of Pay Adjustments
	for Staff Employees	I. Interim Assignment: A temporary pay increase may be granted for assuming additional responsibilities on an interim basis for a specified period of time or until the vacant job is filled. Normally interim assignments will not result in changes to exemption status as defined in FLSA regulations.
		1. Interim Assignments: Nominations of employees to fill positions on an interim basis may be approved by the President and forwarded to Human Resources. Nominations may also be made by the employee's management in order to fill vacated positions where the work must continue until a permanent replacement is hired. Interim appointments must have the final approval of the President and/or Human Resources.
	Z/81/	2. Interim Salary Increase Employees appointed to an interim position must perform the duties of the higher level job for at least 6 weeks before an interim personnel action is processed. The interim assignment should not exceed one (1) year. Within this timeframe the employee can be placed on the payroll with the interim title by means of a personnel action form. The employee may receive a temporary pay increase of up to 25% of salary for the duration of the assignment, as recommended by the hiring manager and approved by Human Resources. The interim salary should not exceed the salary of the previous incumbent or the budgeted amount for the position. The
	1 )	interim salary should not fall below the minimum, nor exceed the maximum of the pay grade established for the position, when applicable.
V: 1 .: /	) to this Policy	the pay grade established for the position, when applicable.

### Violation(s) to this Policy

While the "Lead Officer" was not an interim assignment to fill a vacancy, the officers assumed additional responsibilities to cover their respective supervisor's shift in their absence. This practice has been in effect for longer than six (6) weeks. Additionally, the \$25/hour flat rate on top of their normal hourly rate represents more than 25% of their normal hourly rate.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.02.03		IV. General Provisions  B. All overtime and extra hours must be authorized in writing and in advance by the dean/director of the department. Employees may not make unauthorized decisions to work overtime or extra hours. Working

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
		unauthorized time may subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Similarly, compensation, whether in the form of compensatory time off or pay for overtime or extra hours, may not be waived by the non-exempt employee.  IV. General Provisions
		C. Supervisors are responsible for monitoring the work hours of employees under their supervision and for ensuring that information reported on timesheets is complete and accurate.

### Violation(s) to this Policy

- 1. The Chief of Police verbally authorized the additional compensation of \$25/hour for "Lead Officers" and two hours overtime for Field Training Officers. This was not documented in writing and was not recorded as part of the normal supervisor meeting recordings. However, the Chief of Police did sign each payroll submission which included the completed timesheets.
- 2. The Chief of Police and the DPS Timekeeper collaborated to establish a special pay code and showed "Lead Officer" on how to complete their timesheet. The code that was created is for paper tracking only and was not setup in the Banner payroll system.
- 3. The Chief of Police did not inform the respective officer's supervisor that "Lead Officer" compensation had been authorized.
- 4. The DPS Timekeeper setup a time reporting and authorization process for "Lead Officers" that was outside of the customary way of processing overtime which is to record the actual day and time worked in the overtime section of the weekly time report and requires a Compensation Request form to be completed and submitted to the DPS Executive Assistant.
- 5. The Field Training Officer authorization that the Chief of Police implemented has been perpetuated through verbal communications from the Deputy Chief of Police and the Field Training Officer coordinator to Field Training Officers.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description				
02.02.03	Overtime / Compensatory Time	<ul> <li>VI. Compensation for Overtime – Non-Exempt Employees</li> <li>A. Compensation for non-exempt employees for overtime shall consist of either of the following methods:</li> <li>1. Compensatory time off (leave) at the rate of one and one-half hours for each overtime hour worked; or</li> <li>2. Cash payment at the rate of one and one-half time the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) in the work week, in addition to the regular pay for the pay period during which it was earned.</li> <li>a. Cash payments may only be paid if the employee is not able to take the compensatory time within twelve (12) months of the time being earned, as noted in § V, B above; or if the employee has worked a campus event or special event job doing the same type of work as their primary job, and with the prior approval of both managers.</li> <li>b. If the employee has worked a campus event or special event job doing different work than the primary job, payment can be based on approved event flat rates. Approval is subject to review by the compensation unit of the Department of Human Resources.</li> <li>IX. Reporting Additional Work and Compensatory Leave</li> <li>A. Non-exempt employees shall report all additional work beyond the standard forty (40) hour work week on the appropriate dates, on the Time</li> </ul>				
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		<ul> <li>and Effort Report, using the correct time reporting category. Shift differential and overtime codes shall be reported, where appropriate.</li> <li>B. Overtime pay will be added to the employee's pay for the time period in which it was accrued and reported. The hourly rate for overtime pay will reflect the hourly pay rate recorded in the payroll/personnel system; State contributions for social security, retirement, and insurance benefits are not included in the calculation for the overtime rate.</li> </ul>

### Violation(s) to this Policy

- 1. The "Lead Officer" does not qualify for a special event job doing different work than the primary job.
- 2. The \$25/hour flat rate was not reviewed and approved by the compensation unit of the Department of Human Resources.
- "Lead Officers" were instructed by the DPS Timekeeper to record the hours actually worked as normal on the Weekly Time Report and to record the hours that they were to receive the \$25/hour flat rate for filling in the supervisor role in a separate section of the Weekly Time Report using different hours and/or dates than the day that they worked.
- Field Officer Training paperwork hours were recorded on the Weekly Time Report for after a normal shift even if the hours were not worked.

Policy Number	Policy Title	Policy Section and Description
02.02.03	Overtime / Compensatory Time	<ul> <li>X. Additional Compensation for Additional University Assignments</li> <li>B. All requests for payment of event pay or authorized overtime pay must be submitted on the appropriate Texas Southern University forms, in accordance with applicable policy and in accordance with published payroll deadlines.</li> <li>Failure to meet all documentation requirements and deadlines can result in delayed payment or denial of the request for payment.</li> <li>D. All requests for payment of event pay or authorized overtime pay must be submitted on the appropriate Texas Southern University forms, with required support documentation, and in accordance with this policy (Sections V &amp; VI).</li> <li>Failure to meet all documentation requirements and deadlines can result in delayed payment or denial of the request for payment.</li> </ul>

- 1. Overtime for Field Training Officers were completed on the required Application for Special Event or Overtime Pay Form but the Compensation Request Form is not completed.
- Special hourly rate for "Lead Officers" did not complete the Compensation Request Form or the Application for Special Event or Overtime Pay Form.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The total amount paid for Field Training Officer paperwork and "Lead Officer" between September 1, 2021 and June 20, 2022 was \$27,960.82.

Field Officer Training summary - September 1, 2021 - June 20, 2022. The respective officers did not keep track of the hours that they were completing the paperwork. Instead of recording the actual hours, they recorded two each day. As a result, we are not able to determine how much of this time is valid.

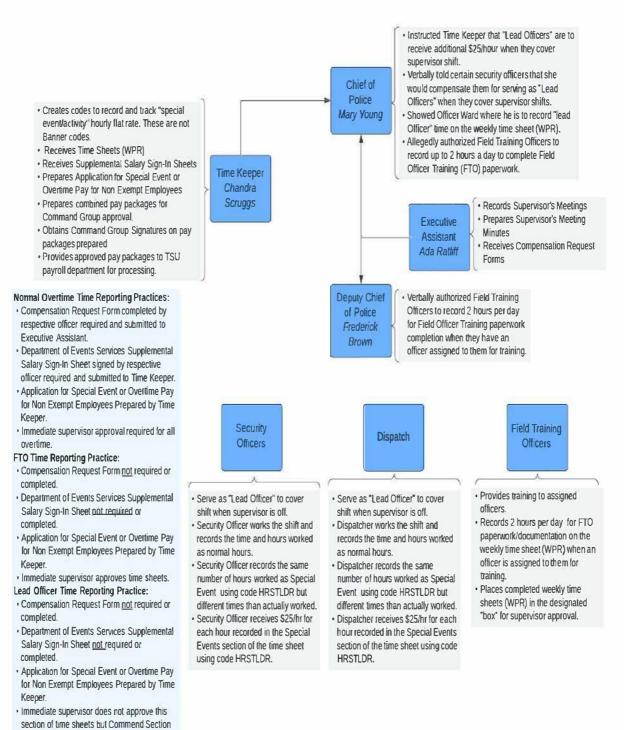
Last Name	First Name	Total Paid	Total OT 1.5 Hrs	Total OT 1.0 Hrs	<b>Total Hours</b>
<b>∃Auzenne</b>	Brian	\$3,155.99	78	18	96
<b>■ Cantu</b>	Bethany	\$2,460.89	63	11	74
∃Howard	James	\$2,545.36	57	17	74
<b>John-Miller</b>	Curtis	\$1,400.28	28	8	36
Jones	Chevon	\$988.33	28		28
	Ivan	\$251.58	6		6
	Tyrone	\$911.89	26		26
McCray	Brian	\$642.90	10	8	18
Sawyer	Jujuana	\$3,803.60	96	18	114
Grand Total		\$16,160.82	392	80	472

"Lead Officer" summary – September 1, 2021 – June 20, 2022. These are the hours that the respective individual used the designated code to identify hours they worked in the supervisor role. These hours were recorded on different dates or times than they actually worked.

Last Name	First Name	<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
<b>⊟</b> Holiday	John	\$2,200.00	88
<b>■ McAfee</b>	Gaynell	\$5,200.00	208
<b>■Ward</b>	James	\$4,400.00	176
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$11,800.00	472

### **Time Reporting Overview**

The graphic below provides an overview of time recording practices for Field Training Officers (FTO) and "Lead Officers".



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### **Appendix A: EthicsLine Report Received**

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supervisors (names unknown) were oper	board of regents did not authorize these pay increases. This a rating according to Mary's directive, believing that Mary had t meeting were witnesses to this directive. There were no came t.	he authority to do this. The supervisors that
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### Exhibit 1: EthicsLine Report.

Note: The yellow highlight and handwritten notes were made by VP, Chief Compliance Officer, DeAnna Nwankwo prior to providing the hardcopy to Acting Chief Audit Executive, Darlene Brown through Sr. Associate Vice President of HR and Payroll Services, Yolanda Edwards. Both Ms. Nwankwo and Ms. Parker-Thompson were separated from TSU prior to this internal audit investigation being assumed by Acting Chief Audit Executive, Darlene Brown.

### **Appendix B: Internal Audit Investigation Procedures Performed**

The following procedures were performed for this internal audit investigation:

- Conducted interviews via Microsoft Teams, cell phone, and in-person.
- Analyzed the time report file provided for period of September 1, 2021, through June 20, 2022.
- Reviewed a sample weekly time reports (WPR) completed by DPS staff and initially gathered by VP, Chief Compliance Officer, DeAnna Nwankwo.
- Reviewed a sample Application for Special Event or Overtime Pay for Non Exempt forms completed by DPS Timekeeper initially gathered by VP, Chief Compliance Officer, DeAnna Nwankwo.
- Reviewed a sample Department of Event Services Supplemental Salary Sign-In Sheet forms completed by DPS Staff and Timekeeper initially gathered by VP, Chief Compliance Officer, DeAnna Nwankwo.
- Reviewed a sample of Compensation Request forms completed by DPS staff initially gathered by VP, Chief Compliance Officer, DeAnna Nwankwo.
- Confirmed with Human Resources that the additional compensation request had not been requested, discussed, or granted by and to Chief of Police Mary Young.
- Reviewed the Texas Southern University Department of Public Safety Policies and Procedures, March, 2020, for overtime and special event time recording policies. Section 200.33 discusses overtime in detail.
   The procedures do not grant additional compensation for "Lead Officer" or "Field Training Officers".
- Reviewed applicable TSU MAPPS to determine compliance.

### **Appendix C: Weekly Time Sheet Examples**

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### "Lead Officer" Weekly Timesheet Example

Below is an example of the "Lead Officer" Weekly Timesheet showing eight (8) hours worked each day for March 13, 2022, and March 14, 2022, at regular hours from 11pm to 7am (top portion of the document) and then the special code to indicate that they served as supervisor and should receive the additional \$25/hour compensation on the bottom section of the document. These hours were recorded on March 13,2022 and March 14, 2022, from 3:00pm to 11:00pm although the individual only worked 11:00pm to 7am.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY®DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Weekly Payroll Report (WPR) NAME: James W. Ward 10. #:

PAYROLL PERIOD: Mar. 13, 2022 thru Mar. 19, 2022 SHIFT 11pm to 7am

DATE		REGULA	AR HOURS	WORKED			
		Start Shift   End Sh		Hours Worked	LEAVE	NOTE	APPROVA
Sun.	03/13/2022	11pm	7#m	8		Reg. Shift	1 1x
Mon.	03/14/2022	11am	7am	8		Reg. Shift	X
Tue.	03/15/2022	11pm	7am	8		Reg. Shift	1 1
Wed.	03/16/2022	11pm	7am	8		Reg. Shift	
Thu.	03/17/2022	1,1pm	7am	8		Reg. Shift	IXM
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Sat.	03/19/2022					Off Day	1/1/1
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### Training Officer Weekly Timesheet Example

Below is an example of a Field Training Officer's Weekly Timesheet showing eight (8) hours worked each day for January 2, 2022 through January 8, 2022 at regular hours from 3pm to 11pm (top portion of the document) and then the overtime of FTO Paperwork for two hours on four of these days. These hours were recorded on the Timesheet from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. It is uncertain if the officer actually worked two hours prior to starting their normal shift.

### TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Weekly Payroll Report (WPR)

NAME: Cantu, Bethany

ID. #:

### PAYROLL PERIOD: Jan 2,2021- Jan 8, 2022 SHIFT: 3:00pm-11:00pm

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Sun 01-02-2022	3:00 PM	11:00 PM	8		Regular Shift	N
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Tue 01-04-2022	3:00 PM	11:00 PM	8		Regular Shift	1018
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RE: Personnel Fee Sheet

**Attachments:** 

New Event Personnel Fee Sheet.pdf

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Here is the New Sheet!

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Attached is the "New Approve Personnel Fee Sheet".

Please attach a copy to all time sheets submitted to the Budget and/or HR office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

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# Texas Southern University Event Services Personnel Fee Sheet

<b>Event Personnel</b>	Hourly Rate (Internal & External)  Minimum of 4 Hours			
Admin, Tech	nnical Support			
Event Manager	\$30.00			
House Manager	\$30.00			
Sound/Lighting Tech.	\$40.00			
HVAC Tech.	\$25.00			
Electrician	\$25.00			
First Aid or Nurse (Event Cost)	\$100.00/Day			
Ticket Seller	\$15.50			
Ticket Taker	\$15.50			
Ushers	\$15.50			
Safety Officer	\$25.00			
Security & T	raffic Control			
Police Officer	\$40.00			
Police Special Occasion*	\$50.00			
Police Commander / Supervisor	\$50.00			
Police Commander / Supervisor*	\$60.00			
Police Dispatcher	\$25.00			
Traffic / Security Officer	\$25.00			
Traffic / Security Officer Special Occasion*	\$30.00			
Building and Groun	ds Support Services			
Custodian	\$15.50			
Custodian (Food Event)	\$18.50			
Custodial Supervisor	\$21.50			
Grounds Keeper	\$18.50			
Tiger Labor Force	\$18.50			
Bus / Tram Driver	\$20.00			
Clock Operator	\$15.50			
Referee	\$20.00			
Lifeguard	\$25.00			

<sup>\*</sup>Special Occasion Events such as any major events held in the city. Requires Approval from Vice-President.